

Notice of *General Assembly*
Sunday, November 18th
Immediately Following Services

AGENDA

- Approval of August *GA Minutes*
- Updates:
 - 2017 Audits
 - Sunday School Check-in
 - Forsyte Endowment
- **VOTES:**
 - 2019 Budget
 - Retaining Wall/Fence Repair
 - Security System
 - Iconography Project
- Parish Council Nominations

**November 2018
Newsletter**



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Please plan to be in attendance for this **VERY** important *General Assembly*. We will be voting on a number of initiatives that will affect, enhance, and fortify our Church home!

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 & Scott Storck, Treasurers. **Members:** Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Dori Hosek, Georgia Marsh, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes. **Alternates:** Carol Griskavich, Jane Schirmer.



Prayer doesn't need to be about hours, or even minutes. It's about the moments throughout the day that we spend with God. *Goarch.org/Bee the Bee/Y2AM*

How do you pray?

Yes, I know that's a personal question...but it's okay because I'm writing this, not asking it to your face, and not really expecting an answer (although I love to talk about this subject and love to drink coffee...so....).

Why am I asking? Because I actually spend a lot of time thinking about prayer—and yes, praying. And I recently returned from an amazing and unexpected experience at Gladstone's Library in Hawarden, England. This library houses an impressive collection of books on theology. In fact, it used to be solely for clergy-in-training and in practice. This library is also a hostel, so I was able to sleep there and when the library closed to the public (or, rather members) we were free to roam, take books back to our room, and read to our hearts content. We chatted over dinner, and over coffee and wine in the reading room.

After reviewing an 1812 book [The Present State of the Greek Church in Russia](#) (oddly timed given what is currently taking place...), I delved into [Orthodox Spirituality](#) where I considered how to pray in the presence of God. I worked some exercises and realized I had been praying 'to' rather than praying 'with.' Stepping into His presence...into the light...was an intense challenge and I find myself able to stay in the presence more and more each day.

I don't ask for things, but rather show gratitude and affirm "Thy will be done...and give me the strength to handle it..." Maybe that will evolve as well.

I wish you all a good journey in prayer. For anybody looking for a retreat, I highly recommend Gladstone's Library. You'll be in very good company with their team!

As always...my email is active and my phone is on!
Georgiana

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Patti Cameron, President pcameron@tds.net 608-219-1659

National Obligations:

- Ecumenical Patriarchate; Sts Cosmas and Damianos- we will pass a tray in November + \$100

Donations/Assistance:

- \$1505 donated to Emerson, Glendale and Frank Allis School Supply drive
- \$1,000 donated to Red Cross Telethon Madison Flood Relief (WKOW)
- \$1,000 donated to a personal request
- \$1,000 donated to Greece Fire Relief
- \$500 donated to Dubuque Church
- \$500 for Orthodox Prison Ministry Books
- \$250 for supplies to Elizabeth House, Madison
- \$125 for OCF Fall Semester Care Bags

Other Activities:

Baklava Plus Sale: All members are encouraged to help with major our annual fundraiser!

Thursday, Nov 15th 9 am -1 pm Baklava Baking. 3 pm -7pm: Baklava Cutting & Boxing

Friday, Nov 16th Set-up: 1 pm -5 pm;

Saturday Nov 17th Sale Day: 9 am – 12 noon: All women of Philoptochos are welcome to help.
Contact: Maria H maria.heide@wisc.edu 608-772-5545

****Maria H is also looking for people to bake other Greek delicacies for our Kafeneion on Nov 17th

Tuesday, Oct 30th – Grace Episcopal Meal: contact Ilektra 608-358-2060 if you are able to help.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 2nd after the Liturgy. All women are welcome!

River Pantry

Nancy Briamis, nbriamis@gmail.com

RIVER SHIRTS. We now have shirts available for purchase thanks to Joeytees! A portion of the proceeds will go back to The River which will go towards purchasing enough groceries for over 1,000 households every week. Talk about a fun way to support The River Food Pantry! We have two colors available, white or green. Purchase a comfy t shirt for the summer or a cozy hoodie for those cold months. See their website to order - info@riverfoodpantry.org.

GRACE EPISCOPAL HOMELESS SHELTER

David Giffey, barnowl1941@gmail.com

Assumption volunteers were planning to work at the Drop-In Shelter for the Homeless on Tuesday, October 30. A complete report will be given in the December church bulletin. Thanks to all.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Lainey Skoumbouris, laney0220@yahoo.com

The church website is 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jenny Josheff, Director, agocssdirector@gmail.com, Fr. Michael, Spiritual Advisor, frmichael@agocwi.org

If you're not aware, Sunday School now begins after Holy Communion. Families are encouraged to attend church together and then after Holy Communion, those children attending Sunday School will go with their teachers for about 30 to 45 minutes of classroom instruction. We just ask that as you move your way out or downstairs, that you be respectful of classes that are finishing up. The time between Communion and end of church is not consistent and we want to give teachers/classes at least 30 minutes of instruction-time. Please bear with us if our classes are not out when everyone comes down for coffee hour.

If you are new to Sunday School, please be sure to fill out a quick form and give it to your child's teacher. You can email agocssdirector@gmail.com with the name and grade of each of your children/student(s).

HELP WANTED: We are still looking for a director and teachers for Sunday School. Please contact agocssdirector@gmail.com or contact myself or Father Michael if you are interested.

We also need volunteers for this year's Christmas Pageant. At this time, no pageant is scheduled unless volunteer(s) come forward. Contact agocssdirector@gmail.com if you are interested in directing the pageant this year.

You can find us on facebook: www.facebook.com/agoewi.SpiritualLearningCntr/ and our temporary webpage: <https://sites.google.com/site/assumptiongoccsundayschool/home>.

GREEK SCHOOL

Ilektra Kolokouri, ilektra.kol@gmail.com

Greek school started on October 7th and classes were formed. We have twelve kids total in our school, with some kids moving to the next learning level and one new student. We feel very happy to have all of you come back and participate in this educational and cultural program.

One of the first projects the kids accomplished was to create a poster that gives a taste of history, from the student's perspective, to what happened on October 28th, 1940 in Greece. This is a historical event celebrated on this day, not only in the country of Greece, but also worldwide by all Greek Americans. The poster is still displayed in the Coffee Hall for all parishioners and guests to see and learn about Greek history during World War II. Thank you all for your work, support and enthusiasm!

From the Greek teachers,

Ilektra Kolokouri-Anagnostopoulos
Andreas Kyrvassilis
Alexandra Anagnostopoulos
Eleni Patenaude (substitute teacher)

RECYCLING

Thank you all for your diligence in helping us recycle! We've been looking more into what CAN and CANNOT be recycled and will be making a few changes.

DO RECYCLE

- * Clean paper
- * Cardboard
- * Plastic bottles #1 and #3
- * Aluminum cans
- * Glass bottles

DON'T RECYCLE

- * Paper plates
- * Plastic cutlery
- * Paper napkins
- * Straws
- * Plastic wrappers and bags

We'll increase signage and work towards making this as easy as possible!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarships Available

The Kulis Foundation is offering scholarships to support the scholastic future of all eligible students. Students are encouraged to honor Dr. Kulis' legacy by considering pursuing a career in the field of science or medicine. Applications are available in several categories.

Complete information can be found at: <https://kulisfoundation.org/college-christian-scholarships/>

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 OCTOBER 2018

Weddings: **0** Chrismations: **0** Baptisms: **3** Funerals: **0**

Stella Vivian Celmer was baptized on Saturday, October 2, 2018. Stella's parents are Levi and Oana Celmer. Stella's sponsor is Lita Sas.

Maya Ilsa Jones was baptized on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Maya's parents are Kevin and Maria Jones. Maya's sponsors are Aculina Botezatu and Ilie Botezatu.

Victor Ilie Botezatu was baptized on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Victor's parents are Ilie and Aculina Botzatu. Victor's sponsor is Maria Jones.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 28 7th Sunday of Luke / Holy Protection of the Theotokos OXI Day Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	October 29	October 30 5 th Tuesday Grace Episcopal Meal Homeless Shelter	October 31 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	1 Cosmas and Damianos	2 <i>Fr. Michael away</i> November 2 – 4, 2018, for Metropolis Strategic Planning Meeting	3 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy</i> 9:00 am
4 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <i>Icons of AGOC Presentation Presented by David Giffey</i>	5 AGOC Directory Photography Sessions 2:00 – 9:00 pm	6 AGOC Directory Photography Sessions 2:00 – 9:00 pm	7 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	8 Synaxis of the Archangels	9 St. Nektarios the Wonderworker	10
11 8th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	12	13 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Philip the Apostle Choir Practice 7:00 pm	15 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS Baklava Plus Baklava Baking 9 am -1 pm Baklava Cutting & Boxing 3 pm -7pm	16 Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist Baklava-Plus Sale Set-up 1 pm -5 pm	17 <i>Baklava-Plus-Sale Day</i> 9 am – 12 noon
18 9th Sunday of Luke Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <i>Fall General Assembly</i>	19	20	21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 13th Sunday of Luke St. Catherine the Martyr Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	26	27	28 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	29	30 St. Andrew the First Called Apostle Divine Liturgy 9:00 am	December 1 <i>Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy</i> 9:00 am

November 2018 – January 2019 Liturgies and Services

November 4

5th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Prosforo: Tom C

Coffee Hour: (Group 7): Georgia M,
Georgiana W, Lena G

November 8

Synaxis of the Holy Archangels / Archangels Michael and Gabriel

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10
Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Prosforo: Tom C

November 11

8th Sunday of Luke / Veterans Day

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Prosforo: Georgia M

Coffee Hour: (Group 8): Nikki S,
Aleksandra T, Jenya B, Peli G

November 18

9th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

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

Prosforo: Anna F

Coffee Hour: (Group 9): Patti C,
Violetta C, Michelle B

November 21

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Prosforo: Anna F

November 25

13th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

November 25, con't.

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5
Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Prosforo: Elene P

Coffee Hour: (Group 10): Margo S,
Jenny J, Betty L

November 30

St. Andrew the First Called Apostle

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 4:9-16
Gospel: John 1:35-52

Prosforo: Elene P

December 2

14th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Prosforo: Korinna H

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

December 6

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21
Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

Prosforo: Korinna H

December 9

10th Sunday of Luke

****St. Nicholas Dinner****

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Prosforo: Kathy F

Coffee Hour: St. Nicholas Dinner -
Special Group – General Assembly

December 16

11th Sunday of Luke

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Prosforo: Nia C

December 16, con't.

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

December 23

Sunday before the Nativity

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Prosforo: Jane S

Coffee Hour: Christmas – Special
Group

December 24

Eve of the Nativity

Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the
Great - 6:00 pm

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12
Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Prosforo: Jane S

December 25

Feast of the Holy Nativity

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prosforo: Ilektra A

Coffee Hour: Christmas

December 30

Sunday after the Nativity

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Prosforo: Ilektra A

Coffee Hour: New Year – Special
Group

December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Great Vespers of the Feast of St. Basil
- 6:00 pm

January 1

Feast of St. Basil the Great

Orthros 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12
Gospel: Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

Prosforo: OPEN



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ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Tel: (608) 244-1001

Rev. Fr. R. Michael Vanderhoef, Presiding Priest

Rev. Fr. Joseph Tzougros, Economos

Dear Assumption Parishioners,

The Parish Council and Philoptochos have combined forces to form a committee that is tasked with updating the church records of our membership and then to create a new pictorial directory from that updated information. But no matter how competent the committee is, this project will only be successful with your participation! Please partner with us to create this important tool for our parish. Here's how...

The first step in the process will be to update your household information. You can do this in the following ways:

- 1- Fill out the 2019 AGOC Family Directory Form attached to this Newsletter and return it to the church.
- 2- See a committee member during coffee hour on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

The next step in the process is to select a portrait session. Our portrait sessions will take place at the church on November 5th and 6th. The photography is absolutely free, and each family will have the opportunity to view their photographs and purchase any photographs that they may choose to purchase after their session. To choose a time for your session, you may follow this link:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxqzqxjs/>

Enter Username: host322933

Enter Password: agoc2018

This link is also accessible through the church website at agocwi.org, and the committee will also be **available during the same Sundays in #2 (above)** to facilitate your sign up, if you prefer.

We will receive our new church directories in the early part of 2019. Everyone who has had a picture taken to include in the directory will receive a complimentary copy of their new directory! Should you prefer not to have a photo of your family included, you will have the opportunity to purchase a directory. Please help us make this a successful project.

Thank you,
The Directory Committee

Michele Bayouth
Patti Cameron
Theresa Kyriakopoulos
Betty Luck
Margo Schmidt
Barbara Vardalos
Georgiana Wilton

Our New AGOC Directory Photography Dates and Hours:

Monday	November 5 th	2:00PM to 9:00PM
Tuesday	November 6 th	2:00PM to 9:00PM

2 WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR SESSION:

1. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.agocwi.org

or

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxqzqxjs/>

Enter Username: host322933

Enter Password: agoc2018

OR

2. Ask for assistance after the Sunday Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, November 4, 2018

****Please allow up to 1 hour from your
appointment time to be photographed and
view your photographs****

Icons of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church



Presented by,
David Giffey, Iconographer

Sunday, November 4, 2018
following the Divine Liturgy

Iconographer David Giffey will offer a presentation and discussion about icons at Assumption – past, present, and future – after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Your comments and questions are welcome. Please plan to attend this icon presentation on November 4, in the church hall. David will describe the process of making icons, and show images of the church and its icons.

Note from David: “I’m grateful to Father Michael and the parish council for scheduling this presentation so we can spend time talking about icons. Icons are an essential and living part of Orthodox Christianity. They teach us about ourselves and about our role models. I look forward to November 4, as a chance to share thoughts and ideas.”

2019

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Directory

Family or Parishioner Name:

Address:

Home Phone Number:

Cell Name and Number: _____ Cell Name and Number: _____

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

Please send monthly newsletter to email: _____

I prefer to receive a hard copy of the monthly newsletter

Wedding Anniversary Date: _____

Names, Birthdays, and Ages of Family Members:

	Name	Birthday	Age
1 Husband			
2 Wife			
3 Child			
4 Child			
5 Child			
6 Child			
7 Child			
8 Child			
9 Child			

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Madison, Wisc.
DRAFT 2019 Budget

	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
	Actual	Budget	Jan-Aug Actual	Budget	Proposed
INCOME					
Stewardship	\$155,871	\$130,000	\$123,000	\$135,000	\$150,000
Loose Offerings	\$5,980	\$5,000	\$4,001	\$5,000	\$5,000
Special Envelopes	\$175	\$0	\$85	\$0	\$0
Sunday School	\$488	\$500	\$334	\$500	\$500
Donation - Non Member	\$810	\$400	\$811	\$1,000	\$1,000
Easter Offerings	\$1,175	\$1,000	\$2,235	\$1,000	\$1,000
Christmas Offerings	\$1,600	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$300
Candles	\$13,738	\$13,000	\$9,639	\$13,000	\$13,000
Greek Fest	\$0	\$24,000	\$0	\$46,940	\$41,173
Capital Campaign	\$27,746	\$9,000	\$1,911	\$0	\$0
Fundraisers	\$0	\$18,727	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$207,583	\$201,927	\$142,266	\$202,740	\$211,973
EXPENSES					
Senior Clergy Salary (1)	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$55,898	\$76,500	\$82,800
Senior Clergy Social Sec (1)	\$11,475	\$11,475	\$6,000	\$11,705	\$12,668
Sub. Clergy Fee	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Senior Clergy Continuing Ed	\$2,754	\$2,300	\$2,661	\$2,300	\$2,500
Online Banking	\$2,588	\$700	\$208	\$700	\$700
Office Supplies	\$869	\$500	\$87	\$600	\$500
Postage	\$244	\$500	\$447	\$500	\$600
Printing	\$3,656	\$2,000	\$1,573	\$2,500	\$2,000
Insurance	\$9,581	\$11,000	\$1,440	\$11,000	\$10,000
Phones and Internet	\$4,392	\$3,600	\$2,950	\$3,600	\$3,600
Website	\$102	\$150	\$0	\$110	\$110
Computer Expenses	\$3,355	\$500	\$698	\$1,100	\$1,100
Safe Deposit	\$145	\$140	\$0	\$145	\$145
Mortgage	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electricity	\$9,016	\$7,000	\$6,146	\$9,000	\$9,000
Water and Sewer	\$1,381	\$1,500	\$814	\$1,500	\$1,500
Gas	\$3,855	\$5,500	\$3,048	\$5,500	\$5,500
Security System	\$2,397	\$900	\$1,279	\$900	\$2,000
Janitorial Supplies	\$174	\$200	\$223	\$250	\$750
Cleaning Service	\$5,401	\$4,800	\$3,437	\$6,000	\$0
Pest Control	\$396	\$400	\$329	\$400	\$400
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,433	\$2,400	\$2,831	\$2,400	\$2,500
Elevator Maintenance	\$1,122	\$1,500	\$1,087	\$1,500	\$1,500
Waste	\$2,662	\$2,340	\$2,253	\$2,550	\$2,550
Lawn Service/Supplies	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
Snow Removal	\$2,202	\$2,000	\$2,371	\$2,000	\$2,500
Automobile Insurance	\$2,272	\$2,400	\$2,417	\$2,400	\$2,500

Mileage (Gas)	\$1,735	\$1,000	\$861	\$1,250	\$1,250
Vehicle Lease	\$2,346	\$2,350	\$2,598	\$2,700	\$2,700
Sunday School	\$945	\$500	\$198	\$850	\$1,500
Ministries	\$0	\$2,500	\$280	\$2,500	\$5,000
Metropolis Retreat Center	\$1,802	\$2,300	\$0	\$2,300	\$1,000
Clergy Laity Conference	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,926	\$2,000	\$3,000
Clergy Retreat	\$1,273	\$1,000	\$300	\$1,200	\$2,000
Kitchen Supplies	\$1,144	\$1,200	\$917	\$1,200	\$1,200
Senior Clergy Benefit (2)	\$7,150	\$7,200	\$5,850	\$7,200	\$7,200
Archdiocese	\$29,527	\$27,722	\$21,790	\$29,530	\$30,000
Service Books/Relig. Itms	\$470	\$500	\$494	\$500	\$500
Subscription	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$0
Altar Supplies	\$1,155	\$500	\$358	\$1,000	\$1,000
Candles	\$2,977	\$4,000	\$3,881	\$4,000	\$4,000
Choir					\$2,500
Fundraising Expenses					\$0
Fees and Licenses					\$500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$196,996	\$201,927	\$137,650	\$202,740	\$211,973