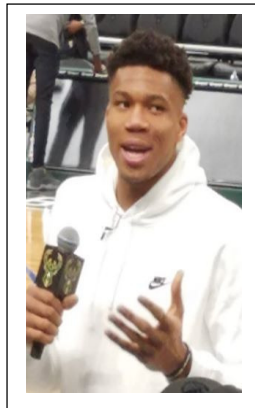
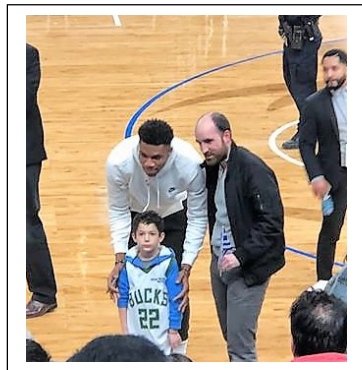
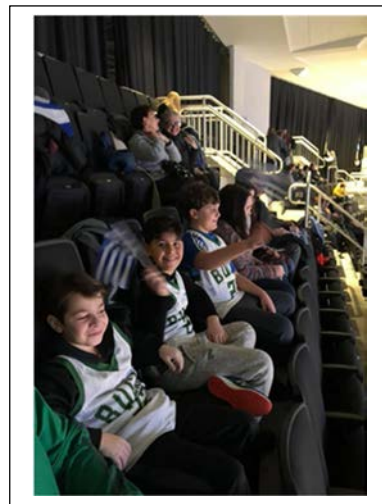


**GREEK NIGHT WITH THE BUCKS**

A fun time was had by all! Over 50 parishioners attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greek Night at Fiserv Forum. Giannis Antetokounmpo addressed a crowd of over 1,000 and signed a jersey of one lucky member of our community!



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**Fr. Michael's Office Hours:**

**Wednesdays, 9am - 12pm or by appointment**  
**Church Office**

**The coffee will be on! Please stop by and chat!**

# THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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Tom Cameron, Parish Council President [tscameron52@gmail.com](mailto:tscameron52@gmail.com)

**Parish Council Officers:** Georgiana Wilton, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary, Scott Storck & Niko Papadopoulos, Treasurers. **Members:** Petros Anagnostopoulos, Christy Chappell Belkin, Conn Choles, Dori Hosek, Jim Katsihtis, Mike Smith, Nick Topitzes. **Alternates:** Maria Molzahn, Carol Griskavich.



Dear AGOC Family,

Happy 2019 and welcome to the New Year!

As the new Parish Council President, I am humbled by what is happening in our church. At a time when many churches are struggling, the energy at Assumption Church continues to grow. I love seeing so many new faces on Sunday!

2019 is going to be a busy year at AGOC. Ongoing projects include:

- Multiple new icons from David Giffey.
- Installation of a state-of-the-art security system for the church
- Renovation of the back parking lot.
- Conversion from paper products to washable/reusable dishes for coffee hour.
- Evaluation of the AGOC building for possible addition of solar panels.

A growing church is a community, alive with activity. As more church members get involved, this energy feeds on itself. I'd like to encourage everyone to share their time and skills with the church community. A short list of areas needing volunteers includes:

- GreekFest
- Sunday School
- Coffee hour
- Choir
- Philoptochos
- Church Basement Ladies
- Community Outreach

Feel free to contact me or any board member for more information.

I wish you all a blessed, peaceful and prosperous year.

Respectfully,

Tom Cameron

# **PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS**

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

## **National Obligations:**

- Autism Assistance Fund
- Saint Photios Shrine

## **Coffee Hour Update:**

- We could use some additional hosts for coffee hour. If you are interested or would like a more information, contact Patti C at 608-219-1659 or email. Please consider this hospitality ministry of our church! This is a good way for new parishioners to connect with others in our congregation. Thank you Nancy Wolfe and Maria Schirmer who have offered to be on Coffee Hour.
- Please refer to the coffee hour check list posted in the kitchen for the duties of coffee hour hostesses. Remember to wipe tables and – a new task - take out the trash to the dumpsters in the parking lot – this is a good task to recruit a younger or stronger person to help out. If you have problems, please let me know.

## **Vasilopeta Update:**

*He used all his personal wealth and the income from his church for the benefit of the destitute; in every center of his diocese he built a poor-house; and at Caesarea, a home for wanderers and the homeless.--*

<http://www.stbasil.goarch.org/>

Margaret Mead is quoted as saying, “Don’t ever believe a small group of people can’t change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that can.”

In many ways we are a small group of people, however, when it comes to moving the world we are able to create miracles. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, bake, serve, sell tickets, and clean up. Thank you for the Vasilopeta bread donations! Thank you to Athena Dowell for the two wonderful auction baskets. Most of all thank you to everyone that came and shared in the meal with us.

The money raised from this meal supports St. Basil’s Academy. In these dark times, let us Light the Way.

Thank you,  
Maria Molzahn for the St. Basil’s Committee.

## **Upcoming Events:**

***Saturday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>***

***Sunday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>***

***Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 9-11am***

Presidents meeting at St. John's in Des Plaines IL

General Membership Meeting after the Divine Liturgy

Church Women United at our church. We will need Philoptochos women to help host this event. Please contact Helene if you are able to help: 608-238-5342.

### **Membership:**

All women of the church are invited to become members of our Philoptochos Chapter. The membership fee is \$21/yr. Please consider joining and becoming a part of a dynamic, creative, hard working group of women encompassing all generations. The membership form is attached to this newsletter and you can find copies on the round table at the church entrance. Membership forms are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Philoptochos Board and Elections Committee:*** This is an election year! Elections this May. Patti Notes and Jane Schirmer have offered to be our elections committee. They will be asking women of the church if they would like to be on the slate of candidates for the Philoptochos Board. If you have been a member for at least a year, you qualify to be on the Philoptochos Board. Board members serve a 2 year term. They are expected to chair a major activity and/or be an officer. Once the Board is elected, officers will be determined at a Board meeting, by the Board.

### **River Pantry:**

Nancy Briamis, [nbriamis@gmail.com](mailto:nbriamis@gmail.com)

The impact The River Food Pantry has had on the North side of Madison neighborhoods in 2018 is: 40,484 community meals served and 81,904 lunches distributed to children with 47, 836 volunteer hours of service to make this all happen. If you would like to volunteer, please visit <https://www.riverfoodpantry.org/>.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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Jenny Josheff, Director, [agocssdirector@gmail.com](mailto:agocssdirector@gmail.com), Fr. Michael, Spiritual Advisor, [frmichael@agocwi.org](mailto:frmichael@agocwi.org)

The Sunday School teachers and students would like to thank everyone for their support of our winter food collection. All-together, Assumption was able to donate 206 food items to the Goodman Community Center. The Goodman Center was extremely grateful.

Thank you, Chris and Jenny Josheff



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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 2019**

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**Weddings: 0    Chrismations: 0    Baptisms: 2    Funerals: 0**

### **Baptisms**

**Aiden James Manolache** was baptized on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Aiden's parents are Stefan “Andrei” Manolache and Tiffini Noel Manolache. Aiden's sponsor is Nicholas Loumas.

**Abigail Rose Parsons** was baptized on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Abigail’s parents are Matthew Charles Parsons and Celia Abigail Parsons. Abigail’s sponsors are Roger and Crystelle Crocker.

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 27 <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>Zacchaeus</b> Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <b>St. Basil's Dinner</b>	January 28	January 29  5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month / Grace Episcopal Meal	January 30 <b>Three Hierarchs</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	January 31	1	2 <b>Presentation of Our Lord</b> Divine Liturgy 9:00 am  Philoptochos Mid-Winter Luncheon 11:30
3 <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>Talents</b> Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	4	5	6  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	7	8	9 <i>Russian Orthodox</i> <i>Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
10 <b>Sunday of the Canaanite Woman</b> Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	11	12	13  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17 <b>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</b> <b>Triodion Begins</b> Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <b>Philoptochos Meeting</b>	18 <b>President's Day</b>	19	20  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	21	22	23 <i>Russian Orthodox</i> <i>Divine Liturgy 9:00 am</i>
24 <b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b> <b>Triodion Begins</b> Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am	25	26	27  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	28  Women's Spiritual Meeting 7:00 pm	March 1 Church Women United 9:00 – 11:00 am	March 2

# February - March 2019 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:** Kathie F

## February 3

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Prosforo:** Kathie F

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

## February 10

### **Sunday of the Canaanite Woman**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 2:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

**Prosforo:** Korinna H

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

## February 17

### **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee / TRIODION BEGINS**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15

**Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14

**Prosforo:** Elene P

**Coffee Hour: (Group 5)** Kristi P, Lisa B,  
Ilektra K

## February 24

### **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

Orthros 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Gospel:** Luke 15:11-32

**Prosforo:** Nia C

**Coffee Hour: (Group 6)** Maria M,  
Nia C, Denise S

## March 2

### **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Souls**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

## March 2, con't.

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

**Gospel:** Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

**Prosforo:** Jane S

## March 3

### **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:** Jane S

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

## March 9

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Souls**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Epistle:** Hebrews 12:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

**Prosforo:** Ilektra A

## March 10

### **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:** Ilektra A

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

## March 10

Forgiveness Great Vespers 6:00 pm

## March 11

### **CLEAN MONDAY Great Lent Begins**

## March 13

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

**Prosforo:** Jenny G

## March 15

1<sup>st</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos  
6:00 pm

## March 16

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Souls**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

## March 16, con't.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Souls**

**Epistle:** 1 Timothy 2:1-10

**Gospel:** Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5

**Prosforo:** Jenny G

## March 17

### **1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Cathy G

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

## March 20

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

**Prosforo:** Cathy G

## March 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos  
6:00 pm

## March 24

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Tom C

**Coffee Hour: (Group ?)**

## March 25

### **Annunciation**

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

**Epistle:** Hebrews 2:11-18

**Gospel:** Luke 1:24-38

**Prosforo:** Tom C

## March 27

Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 5:30 pm

**Prosforo:** Georgia M

## March 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations to the Theotokos  
6:00 pm

## March 24

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Great Lent Sunday of the Holy Cross**



# ***Icon workshop***

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**  
In church hall  
**1 – 3 p.m.**  
**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

- Workshop will be open to members of all ages of the Assumption church community, and led by iconographer David Giffey.
- Workshop is free of charge unless specific materials are required. Costs would be minimal depending on need.
- Workshop will include topics such as: the meaning of icons; icons and spiritual practices; techniques used in painting icons; drawing of icons; painting icons; and more.
- Each participant will receive as much individual attention as possible.
- Please call David at 608-753-2199 or email [barnowl1941@gmail.com](mailto:barnowl1941@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.





# The Ladies' Philoptochos Society Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 2019 Membership Drive

We invite you to join us and share in our philanthropic mission. Through your stewardships and our various fundraisers, we are able to donate to many worthy causes helping people in need locally, nationally, and internationally. Locally we donate our resources and “women power” to several organizations on a regular basis, and also to special hardship situations as needs are presented to us. Nationally and internationally we support the philanthropic programs of our Metropolis Philoptochos and our National Philoptochos.

We hope that you will join us as a member and also as a volunteer. Whether you attend regular meetings, volunteer to help with our activities, or would like to support our work with your stewardship, you will be a **valued** Philoptochos member. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please complete the following, and submit to **Raina Haralampopoulos either by mail or in-person by April 1st**. We also ask that you include your 2019 stewardship payment. Checks should be made payable to “*Philoptochos*” and please write *membership* in the memo section. Thank you!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with the following project(s) and please include me!

Vasilopita Dinner (January)		Baklava Plus Sale (Sept <sup>2</sup> - Nov <sup>2</sup> )	
Mid - Winter Luncheon (February)		Maintaining the Church Hall/Kitchen	
Greek Independence Day Dinner		Cooking for Grace Episcopal Homeless Shelter	
Koulourakia baking (Holy Week)		Baptism, Wedding Assistance to priest	
Greek Fest Bake Sale (July)		Baking Breads for Special Dinners	
Reception for Assumption Feast Aug 14		Coffee Hour Host	
Bucket Brigade (church cleaning)		Prosforon (Holy Bread) baking	

**My Stewardship payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (check #\_\_\_\_\_ or cash).**

Please note: \$15<sup>2</sup>00 goes to National Philoptochos, \$4<sup>2</sup>00 to the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos, and \$2<sup>2</sup>00 to the Bishop's Fund<sup>2</sup>. **We ask for a minimum pledge of \$21.00<sup>2</sup>**. Dues paid above the amount will be used for our philanthropic activities and other chapter obligations<sup>2</sup>.

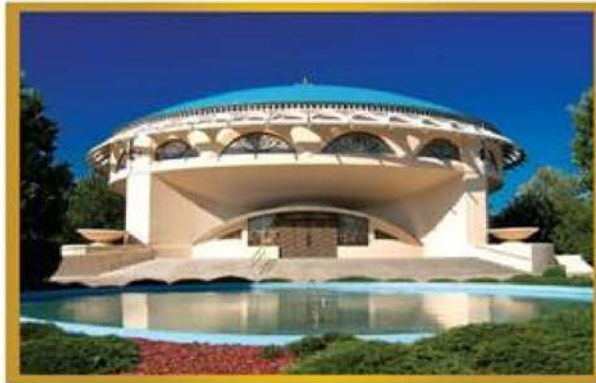
*Please return to Raina Zwadzich (1102 Spahn Drive, Waunakee, WI 53597) or drop it in the Philoptochos mailbox at Church. Thank you for your generous time and support!*

**SHORT ON TIME? WHOLE GREEK CHICKEN DRIVE-THRU! OPEN Noon-6**

# TASTE OF GREECE 2019

Sat. Feb. 23 11am-8pm • Sun. Feb. 24, 11am-6pm

**FREE  
ADMISSION!**



**FREE  
PARKING!**

## **AUTHENTIC GREEK CUISINE!**

**Spit Roasted  
Greek Chicken**

**Lamb**

**Greek Soup**

**Greek Meatballs**

**Greek  
Pastries**

**Pastichio  
(Greek Lasagna)**

**Greek Salad**

**Gyros**

**Saganaki  
(Flaming Cheese)**

**& MORE!**

*(while supplies last)*



**Greek Chicken**



**Gyros**



**Greek Pastries**



**Pastichio**

**CHURCH TOURS!\***

**@ 1, 3, & 5 pm Daily**

**GREEK MUSIC & DANCERS!**

**Old World Charm!**

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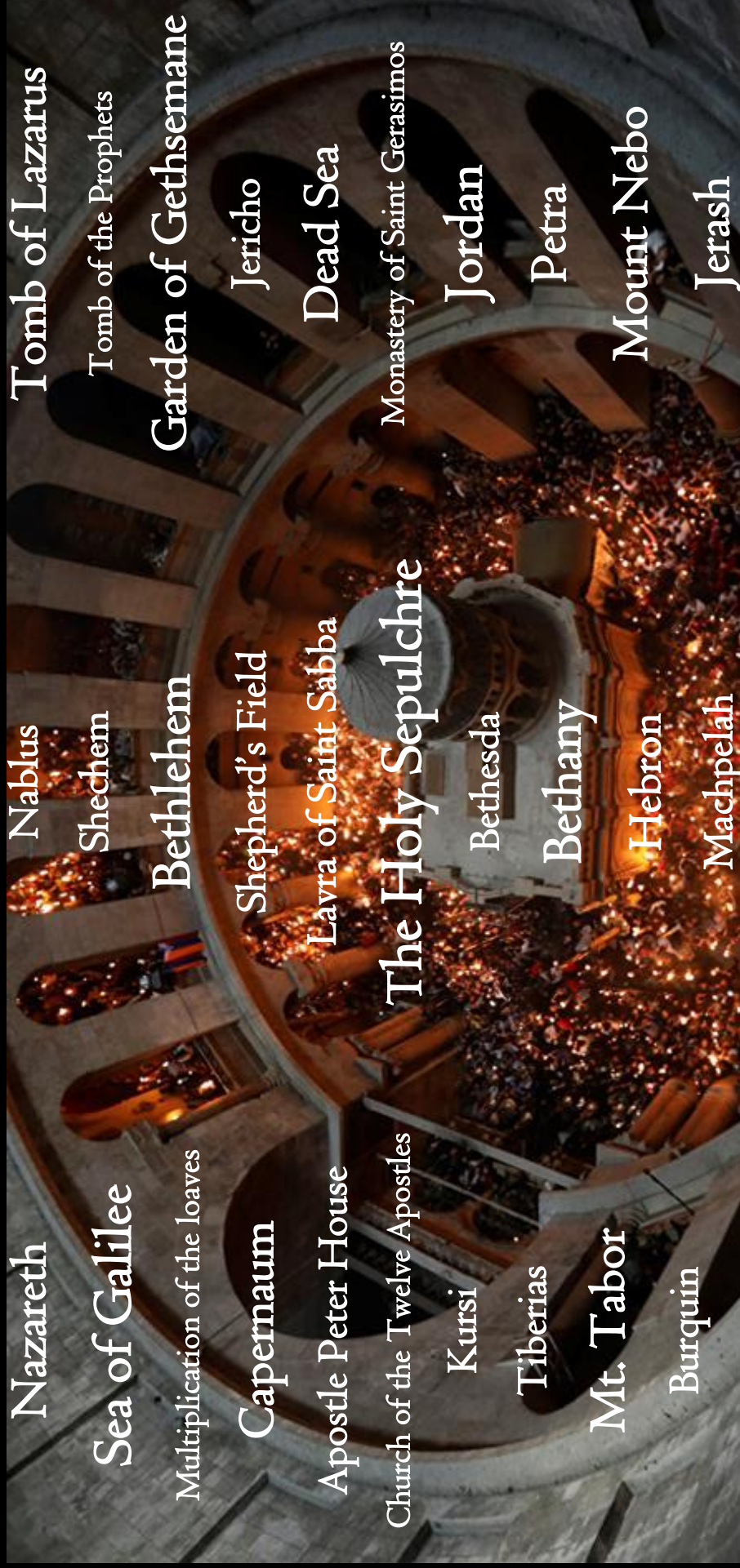
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