



October 22, 2023 — 6th Sunday of Luke

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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CHURCH HOURS:

SUNDAY'S: ORTHROS 9:00 AM
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

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We welcome all visitors to the Assumption Church! We are delighted to have you present with us this morning.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians who are prepared to receive Holy Communion will be invited during the Divine Liturgy to approach the chalice in order to reverently receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **If you are not an Orthodox Christian or you are an Orthodox Christian not prepared to receive Holy Communion this morning, please remain in your pew during the distribution of Holy Communion.** All persons present at the service this morning will be invited to receive a piece of blessed bread (antidoron) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power As it is working. - James 5:16

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas; Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family;

George Levas, Afroditi Marks; Sam Paraschos

Prospora provided by Ethan & Angela Smith

Today's Reader: John Costa

Today's Coffee Hour Sponsor: Carol Photiou and Marian Hagler & Family

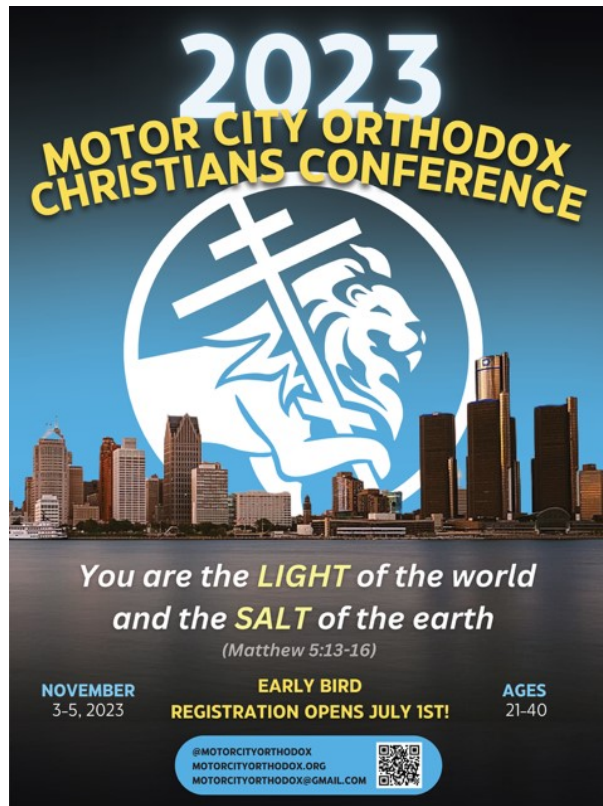
RULES FOR ATTENDING DIVINE SERVICES

These rules are provided to ensure that the environment during services at Assumption is reverent and respectful, to minimize unnecessary disruption, and allow all of us to focus our hearts and minds during Divine Services on our worship of GOD

1. Please, as much as possible, **ARRIVE ON TIME** (on Sundays, Orthros starts 8:50 am, Liturgy 10:00 am)
2. Please, **SILENCE** or **TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES**
3. **EVERYONE** should participate in Divine Services by joining their fellow worshippers inside the church
 - a. Only those people who are officially scheduled for specific duties at the candle stand, as greeters, or in the choir or the kitchen of the church hall are excused from joining their fellow Orthodox Christians in the pews during services
4. Please keep voices in the Narthex (entrance foyer) low and avoid lengthy conversations
5. Except for candles or completing a visitor form, while Divine Services are taking place, **NO BUSINESS** is to be conducted with any parish council member or other church official (you may do this **AFTER** services, during the week, on-line, etc)
6. If you have a message for the Priest, give it to one of the attendants (in writing) at the candle stand and . **DO NOT** take your message personally to the priest or interrupt him, or enter the area of the altar or side rooms during Divine Services
7. There is to be **NO ENTRY INTO** or **MOVEMENT INSIDE THE NAVE** (the main body) **OF THE CHURCH** during the following times (this includes seating and lighting candles:
 - a) Priest blessing or censing (basically any time the priest is facing the congregation, unless otherwise directed by the priest)
 - b) During the Small Entrance (Entry with the Gospel)
 - c) During the Epistle and Gospel reading
 - d) During the Great Entrance
 - e) During the consecration (Epicicles) of the Holy Gifts
 - f) During the reciting of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer
 - g) **NOTE:** entry into the Church during the Priest's homily (sermon) will be allowed at his discretion, but you are to seat yourselves quietly and with the least amount of disruption possible, otherwise, you should wait in the Narthex
8. Finally, **PLEASE REFRAIN** from any unnecessary conversations during the Divine Services

Announcements:

- 1. Fish Fry:** Friday, October 27th 3:00 - 8:00 PM
- 2. Fr. Peter will be away from September 25 to November 9.** During this period, visiting priests will be assigned for Sunday liturgy. For other pastoral needs please contact the church office. Emergency pastoral issues (hospital visits) may be directed to Fr. Joe Abud (St. George), Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas), or Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene).
- 3. Daughters of Penelope Salad Luncheon:** Thursday, October 26th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 4. Supporting Our Assumption Church.** The Assumption Church greatly appreciates all of our faithful stewards and supporters! In addition to supporting the Church with paper checks or cash and arranging for direct electronic payments through the Church office, Assumption Church is now accepting online donations. Thank you for supporting our beloved Assumption Church!



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

We are approaching that time of year where we hold elections for vacancies on the parish council. This year, there will be 4 individuals whose terms are coming up. Anyone who would like to run for parish office can be nominated or submit their own nomination to the Chair of the Election Committee, John Costa. All nominations are reviewed by the Election Committee and Fr. Peter before being allowed to stand.

REMINDER: a candidate for parish leadership must be a) a steward in good standing (pledge and current with pledge) and b) in good canonical and liturgical standing.

If you have any questions, please contact John Costa or Fr. Peter.

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Priest: Let us be attentive.

Reader: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

Priest: Wisdom

Reader: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

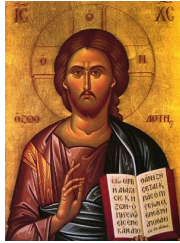
Priest: Let us be attentive.



Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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The Gospel According to Luke 8:26-39



At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

A ROSE AMONG THE THORNS

The life of St. Hilarion the Great is a story of a man who was able to rise above an environment of heavy pagan influence and become someone who is revered as a Church Father. He was born in the Palestinian village of Tabatha in 293 A.D. His pagan parents sent him to school in Alexandria, determined to see that their son received the finest secular education possible. Little did they suspect that while at this ancient capital of learning, Hilarion would become well-versed in the ways of Jesus Christ! He embraced Christianity and set out to broaden his SPIRITUAL EDUCATION by seeking out some of the hermits and ascetics in the deserts of Egypt.

St. Hilarion became a devoted pupil of St. Anthony the Great, the most famous of monastic saints in the early Church. He spent several years with him before returning to his home town.

To his great dismay, St. Hilarion discovered that his parents had both passed away, leaving him a veritable fortune! A man of weaker faith would certainly have been tempted to revert to his former way of life, but Hilarion never wavered. He gave away his entire inheritance and went back to the contemplative life in the desert that he had grown to love. Soon, he became almost as well-known as his mentor, St. Anthony. Christians and pagans alike sought out his wise counsel and healing powers, causing him to lament: "Woe is me, for I am getting my reward in this life."

In his latter years, St. Hilarion travelled extensively, preaching the Word of God throughout Egypt, Sicily, Dalmatia, Greece and finally Cyprus. It was here that he fell asleep in the Lord in 372 A.D. His remains were taken back for burial to the desert monastery in Palestine that he had founded.

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