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Dear faithful,

Living as an Orthodox Christian in today's world is not always easy. We are surrounded by voices, distractions, and pressures that can pull us away from God and from the life of faith. Yet, our Orthodox journey is not about escaping the modern world—it is about learning how to live faithfully within it.

Our Lord calls us to keep Christ at the center of our lives: through prayer, worship, Holy Communion, Scripture, repentance, and love for one another. These are not simply traditions from the past; they are the means by which we remain connected to God in the present.

As I reflect upon my 50 years of priesthood, I do so with a heart filled with gratitude to God. Through the years, I have been blessed to serve many wonderful people, to share in their joys and sorrows, and to witness the faithfulness of God in countless ways. This anniversary is not simply a celebration of fifty years of ministry, but a celebration of God's grace and of all those who have walked this Orthodox journey with me.

May we continue together on this journey, keeping Christ at the center of our lives and our parish, and may we always encourage one another to remain faithful to the beautiful gift of our Orthodox Faith.

*With prayers and love in Christ,
Father Constantine*



**ORTHROS 9AM, DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
WEEKDAY LITURGIES 9:00AM**

**VOLUNTEERS: MONTH OF OCTOBER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

Orthros & Epistle Reader: Steven Swanson
Ushers: Tressa Rockwood, Sophie McCurry
Prophoron (Holy Bread): Sophie McCurry
Agape Fellowship: Philip and Goldie Homan in memory of Craig Wash.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Orthros Reader: John Speck
Epistle Reader: Alex Tarasau
Ushers: Goldie Homan and Kade Schmalz
Prophoron (Holy Bread): Hala Dib
Agape Fellowship: Evie Merzlock

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Orthros & Epistle Reader: Jacob Denton
Ushers : Dave Harmer, Tressa Rockwood
Prophoron (Holy Bread): Terri Pliley Owen
Agape Fellowship: Ryan & Kim Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Orthros & Epistle Reader: John Apostle
Ushers: Ron Sims & Goldie Homan
Prophoron (Holy Bread): Sophie McCurry
Agape Fellowship: Nichole & Jake Nyenhuis

♦ **YOUTH OUTINGS**



Sunday, October 11th at the
**SWORE PUMPKIN
PATCH & CORN MAZE**, in
Pocatello. Immediately after
Fellowship. Parents, please
signup with Ashley Tarasau
& Angela Fullmer.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- November **Pizza with Father Pocatello**
 - December **Caroling & Christmas Pageant**
 - January **Sledding in Idaho Falls**
 - February **Flips Gymnastic Center, Rigby, ID**
 - March & April, **Lent & Pascha Activities**
 - May **Idaho Falls Zoo at Tautphaus Park**
- Please make sure you download the **BAND App** to keep up to date on all things related to Sunday School and Youth Activities.

Reach out to any of the teachers if you need an invitation texted to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are in the final quarter of the year—please take a moment to bring your Stewardship pledge up to date. Your continued support is vital and deeply appreciated.

If you haven't pledged yet, it's never too late to join your fellow parishioners in giving generously.

Questions, call Tressa Rockwood 208-251-8105

MINISTRY PROGRAM CALENDAR

- ♦ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** continues every Sunday following Holy Communion in the Administration

Catechism & Bible Study will meet in the Social Hall

CATECHISM ORTHODOX STUDIES,

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 6,13,20,27 AT 5:30PM

In-person or Zoom

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We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming **BIBLE STUDY** series on Tuesdays at **6:30pm** in the Social Hall (in person or on Zoom) **BIBLE STUDY, FIRST CORINTHIANS**

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 6,13,20, 27 AT 6:30PM,

In-person or Zoom

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LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING

Sunday October 25th following Fellowship

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, November 1st following Fellowship

Those who are new to the parish and would like to be supporting members please contact Fr. Constantine or Stewardship Chair Tressa Rockwood. You may also complete a Stewardship Pledge Card at the Candlestand, or make your offering online, thank you.

50th Anniversary CELEBRATION BANQUET

HONORING
FATHER CONSTANTINE A. ZOZOS
50 Years of Faithful Service in the Holy Priesthood

The Parish of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
cordially invites you to join us in
celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Father Constantine Zozos' Priesthood.

Please join us for an evening of fellowship,
thanksgiving, and celebration.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Grace Lutheran Center
1350 Baldy Avenue, Pocatello

5:00 PM — Reception & Dinner
6:00 PM — Anniversary Program

RSVP BY OCTOBER 3, 2026

Please mail your RSVP to:
Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
PO Box 4567
Pocatello, ID 83205

ADULTS (13 AND ABOVE): \$35.00 | CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE

RSVP Assumption Greek Orthodox Church CELEBRATORY BANQUET

In honor of
FR. CONSTANTINE A. ZOZOS
Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne

Saturday, October 17, 2026

5:00 PM Dinner and Program

Please respond by

OCTOBER 3RD

____ ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE

____ REGRETFULLY DECLINES

Number Attending:

Adults (13 & above): _____ Children: _____

NAME OF PERSON OR FAMILY ATTENDING: _____

\$35.00 per adult (13 & above)

Children 12 and under free

Make checks payable to:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.



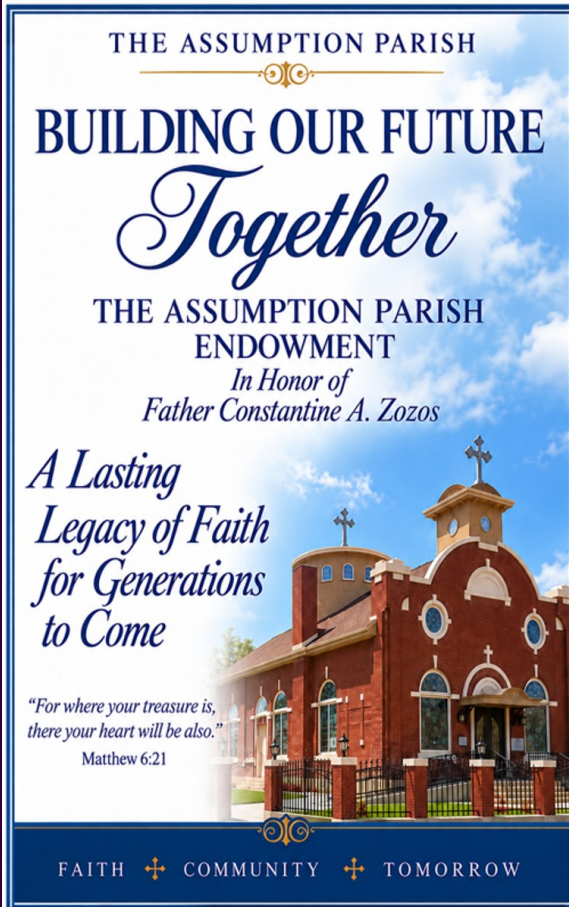
Father Constantine A. Zozos has devoted five decades of faithful service to the Holy Orthodox Church, marked by spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and a deep commitment to building vibrant parish communities.

As Father Constantine celebrates 50 years of Holy Priesthood, his legacy stands as a testament to unwavering faith, visionary leadership, and a lifelong dedication to serving Christ and His Church.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

The Assumption Parish Endowment



There is much to be thankful for at Assumption Parish. Our historic church has been blessed with spiritual growth, and we have joyfully welcomed many who have embraced our Orthodox faith. As we look around our sanctuary, we see a community that is vibrant, faithful, and full of life.

As we celebrate these blessings, we also look ahead. How do we ensure that this sacred space and spiritual home continue to thrive for generations to come? How do we preserve the legacy of faith entrusted to us?

A Legacy Honoring Father Constantine

As we give thanks to God for Father Constantine's 50 years of faithful and devoted priesthood, we recognize a lifetime of service offered through faith, prayer, guidance, compassion, and steadfast presence. His ministry has helped nurture and build this sacred community.

In recognition of his enduring commitment, we are establishing the **Assumption Endowment Fund** in his honor. It is a lasting way to celebrate his service while carrying forward the mission and spiritual life of the parish he has so lovingly nurtured.

A Vision for Sustainability

This endowment is more than a financial instrument—it is an act of faith and a commitment to the future. An en-

dowment provides sustained, reliable support by generating investment income from invested principal. Unlike annual gifts that meet immediate needs, endowment gifts create a permanent source of support. Through this fund, future generations can be helped in sustaining parish ministries, caring for our historic church, supporting clergy and spiritual programming, strengthening our community, and expanding outreach.

Why Now?

Our parish stands at a pivotal moment. Growth brings both opportunity and responsibility. Our historic church requires ongoing care and preservation, our expanding community needs continued pastoral support, and our mission to share the Orthodox faith requires resources.

By contributing now, we create a foundation so that future generations inherit not only a cherished building, but a thriving parish community.

"May God grant him many years, and may this offering be a fragrant gift of love for His Holy Church."

AN INVITATION TO BUILD A LASTING LEGACY

In Honor of Father Constantine's 50 Years of Service

Father Constantine has given his life to building up this sacred community. Now we have the opportunity to help ensure that his work continues—strong and vibrant—well into the future. We warmly invite you to prayerfully consider participating in the **Assumption Endowment Fund**. Your contribution, of any amount, becomes part of a living legacy: one that will sustain the Church, support its mission, honor Father Constantine's extraordinary service, and strengthen Christ's Church for generations to come.

A Three-Year Pledge

To make participation possible for as many families and friends we invite you to consider a three-year pledge. This allows your offering to be given thoughtfully and faithfully over time. Every gift matters, whether large or small, given now or planned as part of your estate. You may also offer your gift in full.

Giving Opportunities

Founders of the Faith	\$25,000 and above
Guardians of the Church	\$10,000 – \$24,999
Stewards of Grace	\$5,000 – \$9,999
Friends of the Assumption	Up to \$4,999

Each offering is received as a blessing and becomes part of a lasting legacy—honoring Father Constantine and helping provide for the future of the parish.

How You Can Help

If you are able and would like to consider a gift, please make an appointment with Father Constantine. He would be honored to discuss how your contribution can make a lasting difference, including gifts made now, through a pledge, or as part of your estate. Gifts may also be made in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart... for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Together, let us be worthy stewards of what we have received and generous builders of what we will leave behind.

ASSUMPTION ENDOWMENT FUND

Pledge Card • In Honor of Fr. Constantine's 50 Years of Service

With gratitude to God and in honor of Father Constantine, I (we) prayerfully commit to support the Assumption Endowment Fund.

Your Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your Pledge

Total Pledge

Amount: \$ _____

☐ Paid in Full

To be fulfilled over three years:

☐ Annual payments

☐ Quarterly payments

☐ Other: _____

Commitment

Signature: _____

Date: _____



GYROS
AVAILABLE AT
THE FEST
\$12.00 EA.

GREEK GYRO & PASTRY FALL FEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 TH 11:00AM-2:00PM

ASSUMPTION CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

PICK UP YOUR PASTRIES AND ENJOY A GYRO

BEAT THE RUSH

PLACE YOUR PRE-ORDER PASTRY!



BAKLAVA: Queen of Greek Delicacies! Delicate layers of buttered filo strudel dough filled with chopped nuts and spices, drenched with honey syrup.

Baklava 6 Pieces Package \$21.00. Qty _____ @\$21ea. = Total \$ _____

Baklava 8 Pieces Package \$28.00. Qty _____ @\$28ea. = Total \$ _____



KOURABIETHES: Celebration cookies made with flour, butter, toasted almonds and topped with powdered sugar.

Kourabiethes 6 Pieces Package \$21.00. Qty _____ @\$21ea. = Total \$ _____

Kourabiethes 8 Pieces Package \$28.00. Qty _____ @\$28ea. = Total \$ _____



KOULOURLAKIA: A butter-based braided cookie with egg glaze and a sprinkle of sesame seeds. Great for dunking with coffee!

Koulourakia 6 Pieces Package \$6.00. Qty _____ @\$6.00ea. = Total \$ _____

ASSORTED PACKAGE

4 **BAKLAVA** & 4 **KOURABIETHES**..\$28.00 Qty _____ @ \$28.00ea. =Total \$ _____

PRE-ORDER FORM FOR GREEK PASTRIES, ORDER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASE \$ _____

NAME _____

CELL NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

ORDER PICKUP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th AT THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
ORTHODOX CENTER, 518 N. 5TH AVE., POCATELLO 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Make Checks Payable to: Assumption GOC (Memo Line: Philoptochos Ministry)

Mail Check and Order Form to: Assumption GOC, P.O. Box 4567, Pocatello, ID 83205

OR PAY WITH CREDIT/DEBIT CARD WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR ORDER

EMAIL ORDER FORM TO GOLDIE HOMAN homangoldie@gmail.com

Questions, please contact Goldie Homan at (208) 643-3031

GREEK GYRO & PASTRY

Fall Fest

N. 5th Ave/Wyeth Street
Pocatello

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 7TH

11:00AM – 2:00PM
(or until sold out)



PRE-ORDER PASTRIES

Call Goldie at **208-643-3031**



homangoldie@gmail.com

(deadline 10/31/26)



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AUTHENTIC
GREEK PASTRIES



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& COMMUNITY

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CHURCH SCHOOL

LETTER ADDRESSED TO
PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH

For this year's curriculum we will be using **Orthodox Journeys** Religious Education Material called **LIVING A SACRAMENTAL LIFE**. It explores many sacred and holy events in the life of Orthodox Christians. From baptism to faith, from icons to blessings, this curriculum leverages scripture readings, activities, and study guides for children to discover the riches of living a sacramental life. This is a collection of original educational resources designed for parish communities and families wanting to nurture the spiritual growth of young people in the Orthodox Christian Faith. All the materials have a solid foundation based on the teachings of Orthodox Christianity which will be geared to young people of all ages to help them navigate the many things going on in today's world, leading to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Each class will begin with prayer and followed by a discussion for the Saint of the Day or Feastday.

Class time will be 30-40 minutes. The classes will be taught in the Administration Office and Religious Education Classrooms.

Devyn Schmalz & Melissa Black will be teaching our **K-2nd Graders** (Children may start attending once they turn five).

Ashley Tarasau & Svitlana Hoskin will be teaching the **3rd Grade-5th Grade** students.

Kade Schmalz & Brandon Black will be teaching our **6th grade through high school aged students**.

***Angela Fullmer** is the Sunday School Director and will fill in teaching as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the teachers below. We look forward to having all your children in our classes.

Angela Fullmer Director- 208-604-6466
Devyn Schmalz- 208-521-5478
Melissa Black- 916-204-7056
Ashley Tarasau- 208-221-3046
Svitlana Hoskin- 208-269-6364
Brandon Black- 208-530-8017
Kade Schmalz- 208-589-0184

When your children are playing outside they must have parental supervision.

YOUTH GREEK DANCE GROUP



I am inviting the youth of our parish, who are interested in learning traditional Greek folk dances, to join the Youth Greek Dance Group

Typically the practices will be on Sundays, but always double-check the Epistle for any date changes. A few of the parents have already volunteered to assist with the rehearsals.

A few years ago we were able to bring a small dance group back to life, and they performed at our Greek festival before Salt Lake's group took the floor. We had lovely costumes that our Ladies Philoptochos organization gifted to the dance group.

My goal is to continue to build up the dance groups with hopefully two groups split by age. We will start easy and simple with two practices a month, always after fellowship since we are already at Church.

I would love to have us once again perform at next year's festival. From there we could do more community performances or fundraisers. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

If you would like your children to participate please reach out to me so we can set-up a schedule for practices.

Thank you,
Angela Fullmer
208-604-6466



ALTAR BOY SERVERS

All young boys are asked to serve in the altar and assist Father Constantine. Parents are asked that their young boys dress appropriately with dress shoes and collar shirts and arrive **10 minutes** before the Divine Liturgy begins. Dean Harris will instruct the boys in all their duties for the various services.

Saint Demetrios suffered in Thessalonica during the reign of Galerius Maximian (c. 306). He belonged to one of the most distinguished families of the province of Macedonia and was widely admired not only because of his noble ancestry and grace of bearing, but also for virtue, wisdom and goodness of heart surpassing that of his elders.

The military expertise of Saint Demetrios led Galerius, as Caesar of the Eastern Empire, to appoint him commander of the Roman forces in Thessaly and Proconsul for Hellas. But for all this, Demetrios remained ever aware of the underlying realities of life. Since faith in Christ had touched his heart, all the glory of this world meant nothing to him, and there was nothing he preferred to teaching and preaching the word of God.

Despite the persecution directed against Christians by the Emperor, Saint Demetrios brought a large number of pagans to the faith. His words convinced them because they saw in the righteousness, peace and brotherly love that marked his life an illustration of the truth of which he spoke.

The Emperor Maximian had just won a series of brilliant victories over the Scythians and was on his way back to Rome when he halted at Thessalonica to receive the acclamations of the populace and to offer sacrifices in thanksgiving to the idols. A number of pagans, envious of the success of the Saint, took advantage of the Emperor's presence in the city to denounce Demetrios as a Christian. Maximian's astonishment gave way to violent indignation when he was told that Demetrios' was making use of his official position to spread the faith. Demetrios was summoned and confined in a cell, located in the basement of nearby baths.

Maximian arranged for games and gladiatorial combats to take place in the amphitheater of the city. He had brought with him a man of gigantic stature and Herculean strength called Lyaaios, a Vandal by origin. Such was this man's strength and skill in single combat that no one could withstand him. There was in the city a young Christian called Nestor, who observing the empty pride of the Emperor in the victories of his champion, made up his mind to show him that real power belongs to Christ alone. He ran to the baths where Demetrios was imprisoned and asked for the protection of his prayer in going to confront the giant. The Martyr made the sign of the Cross on the brow and the heart of the boy, and sent him like David before Goliath. He reached the amphitheater just as the heralds were crying out on all sides for any who would stand against Lyaaios. Advancing towards the Emperor, Nestor threw his tunic to the ground and shouted, "God of Demetrios, help me!" In the first encounter, at the very moment the giant rushed upon him, Nestor slipped aside and stabbed him to the heart with his dagger. There was uproar and amazement at the marvel, and people asked themselves how a mere child, relying neither on strength nor weapons, could so suddenly have brought down the barbarian.

Rather than yield to the sign of the sovereign power of God, the Emperor flew into a rage and ordered the immediate arrest of Nestor and his beheading outside the city. He had heard Nestor calling upon the God of Demetrios and, supposing the Saint had used some kind of witchcraft, Maximian ordered his soldiers to go and thrust Demetrios through with their lances, without trial, in the depths of his prison cell. There were some Christians, including Demetrios' servant Lupus, present at his martyrdom, and when the soldiers had gone, they reverently buried the Saint's body.

It was God's will that the grace with which He filled Saint Demetrios should remain active even after his death. This is why He caused to flow from his body a myron with a delightful scent, which had the property of healing all who took it as an unction, with faith in the intercession of the Saint. Time and again, during sixteen hundred years, Saint Demetrios has given proof of his benevolent care for the city of Thessalonica and its inhabitants. He has defended them from the attacks of barbarians, he has preserved them from plague and famine, healed the sick and comforted the afflicted.

Apolytikion (Third Tone)

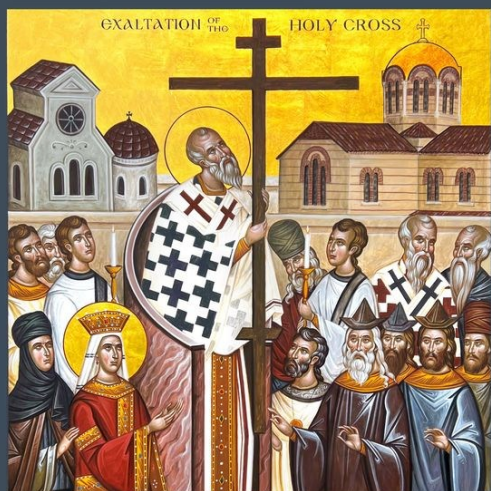
The world has found in you a great champion in time of peril, as you emerged the victor in routing the barbarians. For as you brought to naught the boasts of Lyaaios, imparting courage to Nestor in the stadium, in like manner, holy one, great Martyr Demetrios, invoke Christ God for us, that He may grant us His great mercy



THE ELEVATION OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS CELEBRATION

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

*You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions * upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. * Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, * granting them the victories against their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, * peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.*



The Life-Giving Cross is central to Orthodox Christianity because it is the ultimate symbol of Christ's victory over sin, death, and the devil. Through the Cross, Christ willingly suffered and died, offering Himself as a perfect and voluntary sacrifice for the salvation of the world. But the Cross is not merely a symbol of suffering—it is a sign of triumph. In Orthodox theology, the Cross is called "life-giving" because it brings life, not death; healing, not harm; and resurrection, not defeat.

As St. Paul writes, "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23), because it is through the Cross that Christ destroyed death by His own death. Orthodox Christians venerate the Cross with love and reverence, seeing it as the gateway to resurrection and eternal life. It is a daily reminder to take up our own crosses, follow Christ, and participate in His redemptive work in the world.

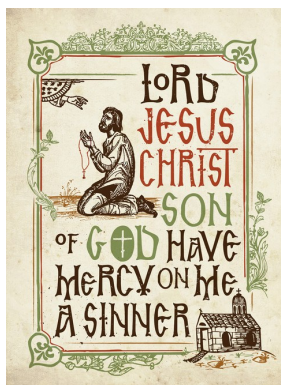




Congratulations to Nate & Samantha Mountain on the churching of their son Jeremiah on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

Sophie McCurry of the Ladies Philoptochos Ministry presented the Mountains a homemade blanket for Jeremiah.





The Jesus Prayer

The Jesus Prayer is the simplest and most repeated prayer in Orthodox spirituality: "*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*" It draws from the cry of the blind beggar in Luke 18 and the publican's prayer in the temple — both moments where a person with nothing to offer God calls out honestly for mercy.

It's often prayed on a **prayer rope** (komboskini), with each knot marking one repetition. Over time, in the hesychast tradition, the goal is for the prayer to move from the lips to the mind to the heart — becoming less something you *say* and more something that quietly runs underneath everything else you're

doing, like a heartbeat of attention toward God.

Who Should Use It, and How Often, in a Modern World

This is not a prayer reserved for monks. It was given to ordinary people from the start, and it may be even more suited to modern life than to the desert — because it needs no book, no icon corner, no block of free time. It fits into a commute, a walk, a wait in line, the minutes before sleep.

Practical guidance for someone living an ordinary parish life:

- **Start small and concrete.** A set number of knots (33, 50, or 100) once or twice a day, rather than a vague intention to "pray more."
- **Use it in the cracks of the day** — waiting, driving, doing chores — not only as a formal devotion.
- **Pace, don't rush.** A few unhurried repetitions with attention are worth more than a hundred said mechanically.
- **Anchor it to something steady**, like morning coffee or a commute, so it becomes a habit rather than something you remember only when anxious.

Why It's a Valuable Spiritual Gift

A few reasons it holds such a central place in Orthodox life:

- **It is theology compressed into a breath.** In one sentence it confesses who Christ is (Lord, Son of God), what we need from Him (mercy), and who we are before Him (sinners) — the whole Gospel in miniature.
- **It trains the "nous" the mind toward constant remembrance of God**, fulfilling St. Paul's call to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) in a way that's actually livable outside a monastery.
- **It meets a modern problem directly:** a distracted, fragmented attention. Where the world offers constant noise, the Jesus Prayer offers a single, repeatable point of stillness that can be carried anywhere.
- **It keeps humility at the center.** Because it ends on "a sinner," it resists becoming a technique for spiritual achievement — it's always a plea, never a performance.

It's accessible to everyone — the illiterate elder and the doctoral theologian pray the same nine words, which is part of its enduring gift to the Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS (include the names with your personal prayers)



Please offer names (first name only) of those who are suffering from illnesses or challenges in life so they can be included in our prayers during the divine services. The prayer list will be published in The Epistle Newsletter monthly so that our parishioners can include the names in their personal prayers as well. Contact Father Constantine (805) 570-6525 to submit your names or mail them to assumptiongochurch@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Heavenly Father, physician of our souls and bodies, who sent Your only begotten Son and Lord Jesus Christ to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal also your servants: Erini, Tressa, Annie, Kenny, Ocey, Ethel, Michael, Larisa, Stella, Venetia, Larisa, Rebecca, Jon, Gary, Ahmad, Jason, Tommy, John, Natalia, Svitlana, Ivanna, James, Pam, Christoforos, Hosea, Richard, Jeanne, Sotirios, Fr. Achilles, Kathy, Mary Frances, Lavada, Steven, Alicia, Christopher, Barbara, Georgia, Vlasios, Vivian, Thomas, Sienna, James, Casi, Jim, Scarlett, Zachary, Sara, Martha, Anna, Kieran, Valentin, Valentina, Rose Mary, Patricia, Sotirios, Anthony, Maria, Michael, Krista, John, Bobby, Eric, George, Martin, Gayle, Alicia, Dianna, Chelsea, Dell, Gregory, Dimitri, Oleg, Tania, Ocey, Ethel, Carol, Robert, Casi, Jack, Carol, Roger, Anna, Steve, Christopher, Freda, Larry, Maria, Judy, Ignatius, Elaine, George, Barbara, Nicholas, Matthew, Jeff, Jacqueline, Dianna, Alton, Anna, Larry, Paula, Stacey, Orestes, Helen, Catherine, Andrew, Mary, Steve, Nicholas, Scarlett, Marie, Demetrios, George, Melissa, Galina, Sofia, Cheryl, Christ, Carolyn, Paul, Mary, Nick, John, Elaine, Nicholas from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Christ. Grant them patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit and recovery of health. Lord You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. I pray that You heal these, Your servants and grant to them the gift of complete health. For You are the source of healing and to You I give the Glory to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

AGAPE BOOKSTORE

The mission of the Assumption Agape Bookstore is to assist our fellow parishioners in growing their knowledge, wisdom, and joy of our Orthodox faith by providing a wide selection of books and gifts; to assist in the deepening of their spirituality by building their prayer corners with essential items; and to curate a growing selection of quality items to suit their spiritual needs.

The bookstore managers, Devyn Schmalz and Brandon Black, would again like to thank all who visited and those who made purchases during our first month of sales. The Ladies Philoptochos Society generously donated the startup funding for the bookstore, so we owe our existence to them and Father Constantine for his business expertise. However, it is through the generosity of our brothers and sisters in the faith that we are able to continue to provide for our rapidly growing parish. 100% of funds generated by the bookstore go directly back into improving and expanding the bookstore. We can only grow through your support.

On opening day we witnessed the strong need our church has for a bookstore and the equally strong charity of our wonderful parishioners. It's a pleasure to have conversations with all our patrons and to hear about their individual needs, suggestions, and experiences. The feedback for our little shop has been outstanding. We invite all who visit to make suggestions and let us know how well our items are serving them.

Looking ahead, the Agape Bookstore will be building a home-sized prayer corner in the store to help our Catechumens understand how to build one in their own homes.

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Bookstore continued... Parishioners are invited to speak with us about ordering the icons visible on our parish walls or those from any major icon retailer. We are still working on some vendor relations and wholesale accounts, so we ask for patience while we establish ourselves for more regular restocking of items. We're preparing for the Nativity Feast and we're excited to bring you new items with which to celebrate. Glory to God for all these good things!

2026 ASSUMPTION

STEWARDS AS OF 9/29/26

If you have given toward Stewardship and your name does not appear on the list, please contact +Fr. Constantine or Tressa Rockwood, Stewardship Chair.

Father Constantine Zozos

John & Candice Apostle

Betty Angelos

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Arvas

Kelly Moses Autrey

Naglaa & Chris Bargelski

Thomas & Molly Beseris

Evan Bittner

Brandon & Melissa Black

Ryan Bowlby & Robin Challengender

James & Cynthia Carter

Afton & Jamie Carlson

Penny Blue & Martin Carlsen

John N. Christ

Cornelia Cirneleaga

Clarence & Vivian Close

Dean & Sandy Coobac

Jim & Janet Cozakos

Mary Frances Cozakos

Kayne & Amy Cummins

Ben & Elizabeth Danielson

Hala & Gassan Dib

Kenneth & Kristina Dudunakis

Scott & Rebecca Eames

Stella Firkins

Angela Fullmer

Vicky & Rocky Fullmer

Nicholas & Stella Gdontakis

Ted Georges

Monika & Botros Hanna

Mark & Sally Hanna

Dave Harmer

Dean & Kathy Harris

Seth & Brooke Harris

Goldie Homan

Philip Homan

Anthony & Svitlana Hoskin

Tom & Tracey Hugie

Nathan and Rosie Jamison

George & Betty Katsilometes

Angela & Daniel Kimball

Sean & Chloee Koehler

James & Cora Ligor

Tony & Georgia Ligor

Heidi Linehan

Randall Lillie

Kim Lundstrom

Dina Manolis

Andrea Marks

Sophie McCurry

John & Stephanie Mermigas

Mark Mellor

Scott & Elly MacDonald

Robert & Kaitlin Miklos

Nate & Samantha Mountain

Christopher Mulkey

Nick & Jennifer Nichols

Jake & Nichole Nyenhuis

Christine & Jerry Otto

Greg & Olenda Painter

Filio & Sam Paloukos

David & Terri Pliley Owen

Sergey & Catherine Rashkeev

Trisha & Colby Reddin

Yolanda Riech

Scott & Tressa Rockwood

Les & Helene Poulos-Edmo

Tyler & Hanna Sands

Aaron & Annie Sandy

Anne Marie & Bradley Schulze

Kade & Devyn Schmalz

Ian & Chayla Schoenrock

Annie Semons

Sawyer Shaffer

Rita Sherburne

Jeff & Panayota Semons Short

Ron & Kim Sims

Ryan & Kim Smith

Karen Solomon

Phil & LuAnn Spain

John Speck

Nathan & Sophia Speck

Skyler & Brittani Spigelmire

Steven & Jacque Swanson

Tim & Maria Swore

Travis & Ryan Swore

Alex & Ashley Tarasau

Nicholas & Tasia Tsakrios

Pauline Thiros

Vadym Ustianskyi

Lionel Weisburg

Anna & John Workman

Nikko Yanase

James & Jocelyn Zissi

Dimitri & Paulie Zozos

Call Ashley if you are attending! 208-221-3046

Assumption Parish Youth Church Outing to Swore Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 11th
Immediately following Fellowship

Please bring clothes to change into including jackets and boots in case the weather is bad.

The parish will cover the children's entrance fees of \$7.

Parents will need to pay for themselves. The reduced fee for parents is \$3.

We hope you can join us for a fun day of faith, fellowship and fall fun!



Ladies Philoptochos Meeting—Planning the Gyro Fall Feast.