

Announcements

In Our Prayers: Nora Bangert, Jim Beys, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Agne Karagianis, Jean Kotakis, Michael Labis, George and Janice Paradissis, Elaine Scott, John Surgant, Sr., Elizabeth Despina Tsaoussis, Chris & Despina Zeris.

Tsourekia: Orders are now being taken for Tsourekia (Paschal sweet bread). Please place orders by Friday, April 8th by calling Lila Nicholas at 314-843-6289. Bread will be ready for pickup on Sunday, April 10th.

Graduations: If a member of your family is graduating this year from middle school, high school, college, or a graduate school, please call the church office at 314-966-2255 so that we may compile a list of the names. We would like to acknowledge their hard work.

Vacation Church School: Registration forms are now available online at www.assumptiongoc.org for this summer's fabulous VCS week. Pre-K through 5th grade will be learning about the *Armour of God*, and Middle School students have their own program entitled, *Faith Craft*. July 11-15th, 8:30 - 12:45 each day. For more information contact Anna Sadaka at 314-456-3392 or aktenkku@netzero.com.

April 9th - The Holy Martyr Euppsychius

He was of gentle birth and was reared in faith and devotion. In the time of the Emperor Julian the Apostate, when St. Basil the Great was governing the Church in Caesarea, Euppsychius married a girl of good family. But he was not given even one day to live in wedlock, for, on his wedding day itself, there was a pagan festival with sacrifices to the idol of Fortune. Euppsychius went out with some others and smashed all the idols in the temple, then pulled down the temple itself. Julian was furious, and commanded that the culprits be beheaded, that many Christians be taken into the army, that an enormous levy be imposed on Christians, the proceeds of which were to be used to rebuild the Temple of Fortune, and that the town cease to be called Caesarea (as it had been named by Claudius Caesar), and revert to its former name, Maza. Euppsychius was first bound to a tree and cruelly tortured, and then beheaded, in 362. A little after this time, the wicked Emperor Julian visited that town on his way to Persia, against which he was waging war. St. Basil went to meet him, bearing three barley loaves as a sign of honour and welcome. The Emperor ordered that, as a return gift, the saint be given a fistful of hay. Basil said to the Emperor: 'You ridicule us now, O King; we bring you bread, by which we are fed, and you give us miserable food which you, with all your power, are not able to turn into nourishment for men!' To this the Emperor replied: 'You can be sure that I will feed you with this hay when I return from Persia!' But the wicked apostate did not return alive from Persia, but perished there by a fitting and un-natural death.

The Prologue from Ochrid: Lives of the Saints and Homilies for Every Day in the Year, vol. 2 by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic. Translated by Mother Maria. Lazarica Press, Birmingham, 1985.

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Hymn of the Church

In giving birth, you did retain your virginity;
and in dormition, you did not forsake the world,
O Theotokos. You were
translated unto life, being the Mother of Life;
and thus by virtue of your intercessions
you did redeem our souls from death.

Απολυτίκιον Τῆς Ἐκκλησίας

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν
τῇ
Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε.
Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ
ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη,

Welcome to all our visitors.

Welcome to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. It is our hope that your visit here will bring you many blessings from God and that you will visit with us again soon.
Please join us for coffee hour in the Church Hall.

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

Memorials & Trisagia

April 3

1-year Memorial for Jordan Gabriel Sadaka, son of Farid and Anna Sadaka

1-year Memorial for Paraskeve (Voula) Stratos, mother of Harry (Robin) Stratos and Fotina (William) Shisko

11-year Memorial for John Stratos, father of Harry (Robin) Stratos and Fotina (William) Shisko

14-year Trisagion for George Kapros, husband of Katherine Kapros, father of John Kapros, Stacey Grzeskowiak, Demetra Johnson, and Despina Roedersheimer

23-year Memorial for Konstandinos Karagiannis, father of Vasiliki Stratos, Tom, Harry, Spiro & Larry Karagiannis, and Maria Arvanitakis

24-year Memorial for Efthimia Karagiannis, mother of Vasiliki Stratos, Tom, Harry, Spiro & Larry Karagiannis, and Maria Arvanitakis

April 17

40-day Memorial for George Kalfas, Brother of Jane (Dennis) Moriarty and Peter Kalfas

5-year Memorial for Maria (Mary) Zervos, sister of Jane (Dennis) Moriarty and Peter Kalfas

17-year Memorial for Nicholas Kalfas, father of Jane (Dennis) Moriarty and Peter Kalfas

39-year Memorial for Katina Kalfas, mother of Jane (Dennis) Moriarty and Peter Kalfas

1-year Memorial for Helen Papavramides, mother of Bessie (Taki) Theodorou, Frank (Lynn) Papavramides, Agnes Willis, and Jinny Murray

4-year Memorial for Stergios Papavramides, father of Bessie (Taki) Theodorou, Frank (Lynn) Papavramides, Agnes Willis, and Jinny Murray

4-year Memorial for Nicholas Georgen, husband of Katherine Georgen, father of Elaine (Rodney) Been, Dennis (Vickie) Georgen, and Andrew (Therese Marie) Georgen

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Apr 3: **Veneration of the Holy Cross** (wine & oil)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, Procession & Oratorical Photo
12:00 pm Greek Independence Day Luncheon
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at St. Thomas Romanian Church
- Monday, Apr 4: St. George of Maleon; St. Plato the Studite (Strict Fast)
- Tuesday, Apr 5: Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor and Victotinus (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Great Compline
7:15 pm JOY Youth Night
7:30 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Apr 6: Patriarch Eutychios of Constantinople; St. Methodius (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
6:00 pm 9th Hour
6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck at Sts Cyril & Methody Church*
- Thursday, Apr 7: Sts. Kalliopios & Akylina; Martyr Savvas the New in Calymna (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
- Friday, Apr 8: Sts. Agavos, Roupfos, Asynkritos, Phlegeon, Herodion, & Hermes (Strict Fast)
9:00 am 9th Hour
10:00 am Presanctified Liturgy
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
7:00 pm 4th Salutations to the Theotokos & Coffee Hour
- Saturday, Apr 9: St. Euppsychios the Martyr; St. Vadin the Righteous of Persia (wine & oil)
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm Adult Orthodox Christians (AOC) at the home of Tony & Laurie Zafiroopoulos
- Sunday, Apr 10: **Sunday of St. John Climacus** (wine & oil)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Parish General Assembly
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church

* If you are receiving communion at evening Liturgies, please do not eat or drink anything after 12:00 noon. Also, you should eat or drink only strict fasting foods in the morning before beginning your fast.