

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 of Tsourekia may be picked up today after Divine Liturgy from Lila Nicholas.

Church Greeters Needed: Volunteers are needed to greet people attending Church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping with this very important job, or to find out more, please contact Eleni Murphy at 636-821-1651 or Mary Pitliangas at 314-469-0573 or babygrand46@sbcglobal.net .

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.

Holy Friday School Absence Forms are now available in the Narthex. Please pick one up and make every effort to bring your children to Church on Friday, April 29th for the Pascha preparations, the Youth Retreat and Church Services.

Teaching Liturgy: You may have noticed that the children were not in Church for Divine Liturgy today. Instead, Fr. Anastasios served a separate special Teaching Liturgy in the Philoptochos Room for them. He was able to stop at different point and explain what was happening and its significance.

April 13th - The Holy Martyr Glykeria

The daughter of a governor of Rome, she became poor after her father's death and went to live in Trajanopolis in Thrace. In the time of the wicked Emperor Antoninus, Glykeria was brought to offer sacrifice to the idol of Zeus. She traced the Cross on her forehead and, when the governor asked her where was her lamp (for they all carried lamps in their hands), Glykeria indicated the Cross on her forehead and said, 'This is my lamp!' At her prayers, the idol was struck by lightning and broken into pieces. The governor was furious with her and commanded that she be thrown into prison. He sealed the door of the prison, intending to starve the maiden to death, but an angel of God appeared to Glykeria and gave her heavenly food. After a certain time, when the governor reckoned that the maiden must have died of hunger, he opened the prison and was astounded to see her in good health, bright and merry. The warder, Laodicius, seeing this marvel, himself confessed Christ the Lord and was at once beheaded. After that Glykeria was thrown into a burning furnace, but she remained untouched by the flames. Standing in the midst of the fire, she praised the Lord, commemorating the wonder with the Three Children in the burning fiery furnace in Babylon. Finally she was thrown to the lions and, praying to God, this holy maiden gave her soul into the hands of the Lord for whom she had heroically suffered much torture. She suffered with honour in the year 141. A healing myrrh flowed from her relics, which healed the sick of the gravest illnesses.

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.

Sunday of St. John Climacus

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 10

1-year Memorial for Helen Spurgetis, mother of Steven (Julie) Spurgetis

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 Angelo (Vangeli) Panourgias, husband of Betty Panourgias, father of Laura (Dino) Polimeropoulos and Pamela (Greg) Goodwin

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

May 15

10-year Memorial for Savvas (sam) Nakis, husband of Jean Nakis

2-year Memorial for Stamatina (Matina) Stevens, mother of David (Elaine) Stevens

29-year Memorial for George Stevens, brother of David (Elaine) Stevens

May 22

8-year Trisagion for Dorothy Tharenos, mother of Tony (Joyce) Tharenos and Nick (Becky) Tharenos

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Apr 10: **Sunday of St. John Climacus** (wine & oil)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Teaching Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Parish Assembly
1:00 Pan-Orthodox Family Bowling Day, Tropicana Lanes
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
- Monday, Apr 11: St. Antipas, Bishop of Pergamon; St. Parmuthios the Anchorite (Strict Fast)
- Tuesday, Apr 12: St. Basil the Confessor of Parium; St. Anthoussa of Constantinople (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Great Compline
7:30 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Apr 13: St. Martin, Pope of Rome (Strict Fast)
9:00 am 9th Hour
9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
6:30 pm Compline and Great Canon
- Thursday, Apr 14: **Thursday of the Great Canon** (Strict Fast)
9:00 am 9th Hour
9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy
6:30 pm Vespers
7:15 pm Parish Council Meeting
- Friday, Apr 15: St. Crescens the Martyr; St. Leonidas, Bishop of Athens (Strict Fast)
9:00 am 9th Hour
9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
7:00 pm 5th Salutations to the Theotokos & Coffee Hour
- Saturday, Apr 16: Martyrs Agape, Chionia and Irene (wine & oil)
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm GOYA
- Sunday, Apr 17: **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt** (wine & oil)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at Protection of the Holy Virgin Mary Church