

## 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.

**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.

**Kursk-Root Icon Visit to St. Louis:** Mark your calendars for the visit of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God at Assumption Church on Thursday, May 5, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. The Paraklesis will be chanted, and the faithful will be invited to venerate the icon.

**Help Needed:** Fr. Athinorgoras Loukataris from Faros Tou Kosmou in Thessaloniki, Greece will be coming to St. Louis with some of his boys for the Lego Competition during Holy Week. They will be arriving on Holy Tuesday, April 26th. We will need homes, drivers, and people to cook meals. If you are interested in helping, please call the Church office at 314-966-2255.

### April 18th - The Holy Martyr John the New of Ioannina

He was born in Ioannina, the ancient capital of King Pyrrhus. When his poor parents died, the young John went to Constantinople and there continued his trade, for he was a craftsman. The Turks had occupied Constantinople not long before this, and many Christians had, out of fear, denied Christ and accepted Islam. St. John had his workshop right in the midst of these men who had become Turks. The more inflamed St. John became with love for Christ, the more outwardly apparent this became to these apostates. He began to dispute with them about the Faith, and to reprimand them for their betrayal of Christ. They dragged him before the judge and falsely accuse him of having earlier accepted Islam and having returned to Christianity. For this he was tortured - beaten and flogged with iron flails - and then cast into prison. On the second day, which was Easter Day, they brought him out for further torture, and John emerged full of joy and singing: 'Christ is risen from the dead!' He spoke courageously to his torturers, saying: 'Do what you will to me, and send me as quickly as possible from this transient life into life eternal. I am Christ's servant; I follow Christ, and I die for Christ that I may live with Him!' After that, John was bound in chains and taken to the place of burning. Seeing the great flames prepared for him, John ran forward and leapt into them. But his torturers, seeing how he sought death in the fire, pulled him out of it and sentenced him to be beheaded. When they cut off his head, they threw it and his body into the fire. Later, Christians gathered the ashes and some of his precious and wonderworking relics and buried them in the Great Church in Constantinople. Thus he died a martyr's death and received the glorious wreath of martyrdom on April 18th, 1526.

*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  
Κοιμῆσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε.  
Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ  
ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις  
ταῖς σαῖς λυτρούμενη,

#### 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. Mary of Egypt

### *Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone*

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τὸς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45**

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## Memorials & Trisagia

### 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 (Steve) 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  
7-year Trisagion for Olga Yorga, mother of Kevin Yorga  
4-year Trisagion for Alexandra Leara, grandmother of Kevin Yorga  
3-month Trisagion for Angelo Leara, uncle of Kevin Yorga

### 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 (Dorothea) Tharenos, mother of Tony (Joyce) Tharenos and Nick (Becky) Tharenos

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, Apr 17:	<b>Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt</b> (wine & oil) 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School 12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting <b>5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at Royalton, IL</b>
Monday, Apr 18:	John the Righteous, disciple of Gregory of Decapolis (Strict Fast)
Tuesday, Apr 19:	St. Paphnoutios the Holy Martyr; St. George the Confessor (Strict Fast) 8:30 am Orthros 5:45 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Great Compline 7:00 pm In Defense of Christians (IDC) Meeting at St. Raymond's Church 7:15 pm JOY Youth Night 7:30 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Apr 20:	St. Theodore the Trichinas; St. Zacchaeus of Caesaria (Strict Fast) 8:30 am Orthros 2:00 pm Kafenio 6:00 9th Hour <b>6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck</b>
Thursday, Apr 21:	St. Ianouarios and Companions; St. Alexandra the Empress (Strict Fast) 8:30 am Orthros
Friday, Apr 22:	St. Theodore the Sykeote; Sts. Nathaniel, Luke & Clemente (Strict Fast) 9:00 am 9th Hour <b>9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy</b> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
Saturday, Apr 23:	<b>Saturday of Lazarus</b> (wine & oil) 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy <b>11:30 am Tying of Palms, Egg Hunt and Jr. GOYA</b> 5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, Apr 24	<b>Palm Sunday</b> (fish, wine & oil) St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker; St. Savvas the General of Rome 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School <b>12:00 pm Palm Sunday Luncheon</b> 7:00 pm Bridegroom Orthros

\* 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.