

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. Full schedules are available in the Narthex or on our website at www.assumptiongoc.org.

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 Robotics Competition during Holy Week. They will be arriving on Holy Tuesday, April 26th. We need donations to help cover the cost of the van and other expenses. Please send checks to Assumption Church with "Faros Tou Kosmou" printed in the memo line.

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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 λυτρουμένη,

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.



April 27th - The Holy Apostle Simeon

One of the Seventy, he was the son of Cleopas, and Cleopas was the brother of Joseph, the betrothed of the most holy Mother of God. Seeing the miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Simeon was converted and included among the Seventy apostles. With great zeal and courage, he preached the Gospel everywhere in Judea. And when the wicked Jews killed James, the Lord's brother and first bishop of the Church in Jerusalem, throwing him down from the top of the Temple and belabouring him around the head with a stick, then this Simeon, Joseph's nephew, was installed as bishop in Jerusalem. He, as the second bishop of the Holy City, governed the Church of God with wisdom and strength to a great age. He was more than a hundred years old when he suffered, and his sufferings came about as follows: in the time of the Emperor Trajan there was a double persecution begun in Palestine, against the descendants of David and against Christians. The wicked people condemned Simeon on both counts. St. Simeon endured harsh torture and was finally crucified, as had been the Lord whom he had faithfully served on earth.

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.

Palm Sunday

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος α΄

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἡγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννά ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Memorials & Trisagia

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 24	<u>Palm Sunday</u> (fish, wine & oil) St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker; St. Savvas the General of Rome 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School 12:00 pm Palm Sunday Luncheon 7:00 pm Bridegroom Orthros
Monday, Apr 25:	Holy Monday (Strict Fast) Mark the Apostle & Evangelist 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy at St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church 7:00 pm Bridegroom Orthros
Tuesday, Apr 26:	Holy Tuesday (Strict Fast) 9:00 am Presanctified Liturgy at All Saints Orthodox Church 7:00 pm Bridegroom Orthros
Wednesday, Apr 27:	Holy Wednesday (Strict Fast) 9:00 am 9th Hour 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy 4:00 pm Holy Unction 7:00 pm Orthros of Holy Wednesday <u>at Assumption Church</u> 7:00 pm Services <u>at St. Luke's Church</u> in Columbia, with His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos presiding and Yianni Strzelecki chanting
Thursday, Apr 28:	Holy Thursday (Strict Fast) 7:00 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy <u>at St. Nicholas Church</u> with His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos celebrating and Yianni Strzelecki chanting 9:00 am Dyeing of Eggs 9:30 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy <u>at Assumption Church</u> 6:30 pm Orthros of the Passion (12 Gospels)
Friday, Apr 29:	Holy Friday (Strict Fast) 8:30 am Royal hours 10:00 am Decorate the Epitaphios & clean the Church 1:00 pm Holy Friday Youth Retreat 3:00 pm Great Vespers 7:00 pm Orthros of Lamentation (Procession with Epitaphios)
Saturday, Apr 30:	Holy Saturday (Strict Fast) 9:00 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Decorating of the Church 11:00 pm Vigil, Orthros, Divine Liturgy and Paschal Fellowship
Sunday, May 1	<u>Holy Pascha</u> 12:00 pm Agape Vespers