

### In Our Prayers:

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### Announcements

**40-Day Blessing:** Ekaterini Theodoropoulos, daughter of Fr. Anastasios and Presvytera Elizabeth, will receive her 40-day blessing today after Divine Liturgy.

**Red Eggs and Koulourikia:** Eggs will be dyed on Holy Thursday, April 13 and available for pick up on the 13th after 2:00 pm. Order no later than Sunday, April 9. Orders for Koulourikia must be placed by today, April 2nd. Please call Helena Brown at 314-839-5824 or 314-456-5602. Both items are \$5.00 per dozen.

**New Stage Curtain:** Our stage curtain is falling apart and desperately needs to be replaced. Donations are needed to purchase a new one. Please make checks payable to Assumption Church and write "stage curtain" in the memo line. Thank you!

**College Scholarships:** The St Louis AHEPA Chapter 53 Scholarship Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2017 year. Please email to bdpappas@yahoo.com to request an application. The due date is April 15 with no exceptions.

**Study Opportunity:** Dr. Debbie Psihountas is teaching two summer courses through Webster University for people interested in doing business in Greece. Students will visit Greece for one week during the 8 week online course. Register by April 28 at [webster.edu/walkerglobalhybrids](http://webster.edu/walkerglobalhybrids).

### April 1: Our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year of Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.

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## Sunday Bulletin

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**Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῆς Ὁσίας.  
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.**

Ἐν σοὶ Μῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ  
κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρὸν,  
ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράπτουσα  
ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς  
παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς,  
πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ  
Ἀγγέλων συναγάζεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ  
πνεῦμά σου.

**Apolytikion For the Devout Woman  
Mode Pl. 4**

In you, O Mother, is preserved  
undistorted what was made in the image of  
God; for taking up the cross, you followed  
Christ and by example taught, that we should  
overlook the flesh, since it passes away,  
and instead look after the soul, since it is  
immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary,  
your spirit rejoices with the angels.

### 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**

*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 2**

40-Day Memorial for Christophoros Dafnides, husband of Antigoni Dafnides, father of Joanne (Elias) Matsakis

40-day Memorial for Gus (Constantine) Peters

3-month Trisagion for Ollie (Alexander) Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan

### **April 30**

40-day Memorial for Mary Karaganis, mother of Julie (Michael) Barro

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

### **May 7**

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

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

### **May 21**

1-year Memorial for Agne Karagiannis, wife of Harry Karagiannis, mother of Timothy (Jill) Karagiannis, Steve (Krisanthe) Karagiannis, Mike (Kate) Karagiannis, and John Karagiannis

### **June 30**

1-year Memorial for Kathrine Kapros, mother of Dessie (Sonny) Roedersheimer, Stacy Grzeskowiak, Demetra (Rick) Johnson, and John Kapros

## **Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, Apr 2: **Sunday of the St. Mary of Egypt** (Wine & oil permitted)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:00 pm Spring Parish Assembly  
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church
- Monday, Apr 3: Confessor Niketas; Hymnographer Joseph (Fast)
- Tuesday, Apr 4: St. George of Mt. Maleon; Righteous Plato (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 5: Sts. Klaudios & Diodoros; Righteous Theodora (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
2:00 pm Kafenio  
5:30 pm 9th Hour  
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
- Thursday, Apr 6: Patriarch Euthychios; Righteous Platonis (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study  
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study
- Friday, Apr 7: Sts Kalliopios & Akylina; St. George of Mytilene (Fast)  
9:00 am 9th Hour  
9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Lunch  
6:00 pm YAL Lenten Learning
- Saturday, Apr 8: **Lazarus Saturday** (Wine & oil permitted)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:30 pm Tying of Palms, Egg Hunt, and Jr. GOYA planting  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Apr 9: **Palm Sunday** (Fish permitted)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:00 pm Palm Sunday Luncheon  
7:00 pm Bridegroom Orthros