

## Announcements

**Artoclasia - Blessing of the Five Loaves:** Artoclasia on Sunday, August 14th at Great Vespers is presented by the Assumption Ladies Philoptochos and the Brothers of Sopiki.

**In Our Prayers:** Ollie (Alexander) Aslan, Nora Bangert, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Jean Kotakis, Michael Labis, George and Janice Paradissis, Elaine Scott, Elizabeth Despina Tsaoussis, Chris & Despina Zeris.

**Monastery Pilgrimage:** The Assumption Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring a trip to the Monastery of St. John Chrysostomos in Pleasant Prairie, WI, Friday, October 21- Sunday, October 23. The \$70 cost includes transportation and meals at the monastery. Please bring spending money for meals and snacks for the bus trip or purchases at the Monastery. Payment needed by August 31st to hold reservations. Meet at the Church at 11:30 am. Checks payable to Assumption Church. Questions, call 314-966-2255

**The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church** will celebrate her feast day on Sunday, August 14 at 6:30 pm with Great Vespers, Blessing of the Five Loaves and a reception. On Monday, August 15, Orthros will be chanted at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am with a Reception following.

**Greek School Registration now open:** Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6 at 5:45 pm. Tuition is \$120 for the whole year for one child or adult, and \$110 for a second child. Please register by August 30th for proper placement. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on Assumption's website at [www.assumptiongoc.org](http://www.assumptiongoc.org) under "Ministries."

**Missing:** Fr. Joseph has misplaced a black robe. If anyone knows where it is, please call the office at 314-966-2255. Thank you!

### August 14: The Forefeast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. The Holy Prophet Michaias (Micah)

This Prophet (whose name means "who is like God?"), was a Moasthite from the land of Judah. He prophesied more than fifty years in the days of Joatham, Ahaz, and Hezekias, Kings of Judah. These kings reigned in the eighth century before Christ. From this it is clear that this Michaias is not the one who was the son of Iembla (or Imlah - III Kings 22:8), who censured Ahab and was murdered by Ahab's son Joram, as the *Synaxaristes* says; for this Joram reigned the ninth century before Christ. Yet Michaias was still prophesying, as mentioned above, in the days of Hezekias, who was a contemporary of Hosea and Esaias, and of Hoshea, the last King of the ten tribes of Israel, when that kingdom was destroyed by Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians (IV Kings 17:1-16; 18:1). This Michaias is sixth in rank among the minor Prophets. His book of prophesy is divided into seven chapters; he prophesied that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem (Michaias 5:2). In the reign of Saint Theodosius the Great, the holy relics of the Prophets Michaias and Abba-cum were found through a divine revelation to Zebennus, Bishop of Eleutheropolis (Sozomen, Eccl. Hist., Book VII, 29).

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#### Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς., Ἦχος δ΄.

Λαοὶ προσκιρτήσατε, χεῖρας κροτοῦντες  
πιστῶς, καὶ πόθῳ ἀθροίσθητε, σήμερον  
χαίροντες, καὶ φαιδρῶς ἀλαλάζοντες,  
πάντες ἐν εὐφροσυνῇ τοῦ Θεοῦ γὰρ ἡ  
Μήτηρ, μέλλει τῶν ἐπιγεῖων, πρὸς τὰ ἄνω  
ἀπαίρειν, ἐνδόξως ἢ ἐν ὕμνοις αἰεὶ, ὡς  
Θεοτόκον δοξάζομεν.

#### *Apolytikion for the Forfeast, Mode 4*

O people, anticipate and leap for joy  
now with faith, \* and longingly congregate  
today applauding with joy, \* and all of you  
cheerfully \* shout now in exultation; \* for the  
Theotokos \* is preparing for her departure\*  
from the earth to the heavens \* with glory;  
and we sing hymns to her \* and glorify her as  
the Mother of God.

#### 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.

## 8th Sunday of Matthew

### ***Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17***

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

### ***Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:14-22***

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

### ***Kontakion of the Forefeast, Fourth tone***

In the Immaterial Spirit, the whole world hath been mystically adorned upon thy glorious memory; and it doth cry to thee joyously: Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of the Christian race.



## Memorials & Trisagia

### August 14

3-year Memorial for Betty Harris, mother of Gus Harris

27-year Memorial for Nicholas Harris, father of Gus Harris

7-year Memorial for Kyriaki Zafiropoulos, mother of Tonis (Laurie) Zafiropoulos

22-year Memorial for Vasilios Zafiropoulos, father of Tonis (Laurie) Zafiropoulos

3-year Memorial Anna Koclanes, Godmother of Laurie (Tonis) Zafiropoulos

8-year Memorial for Nicholas Koclanes, Godfather of Laurie (Tonis) Zafiropoulos

### August 21

6-year Memorial for Hrysoula Vithoukias, mother of Georgia (Gus) Antonopoulos

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Aug 14: Forefeast of the Dormition (Wine/Oil Allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
**6:30 pm Great Vespers and Reception for Assumption Feast Day**
- Monday, Aug 15: **Dormition of the Theotokos - Assumption Church Feast Day**  
**9:00 am Orthros**  
**10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Luncheon**
- Tuesday, Aug 16: Translation of the Image of Christ; Diomedes of Tarsus  
8:30 am Orthros  
6:30 Vespers
- Wednesday, Aug 17: Sts. Myron of Cyzicus, Straton, Philip, Eutychian, & Cyprian (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Aug 18: Sts. Floros & Lauros of Illyria; Patriarchs John & George of Constantinople  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Aug 19: St. Andrew and his 2,593 soldiers (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon  
Philoptochos at Festival of the Little Hills 4:00- 10:00 pm
- Saturday, Aug 20: Samuel the Prophet; St. Lukios the Counselor  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
Philoptochos at Festival of the Little Hills 9:30 am - 10:00 pm
- Sunday, Aug 21: St. Thaddeus of the 70; St. Bassa & her sons.  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
12:00 pm Panagia's Panegyri  
Philoptochos at Festival of the Little Hills 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Please help Assumption Greek Orthodox Church contribute to the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in New York City. In the aftermath of September 11th, and the destruction of their parish by the collapse of the Twin Towers, St. Nicholas has been tasked with building an Orthodox Monument to what is arguably the greatest tragedy of our lives. A small community has been given the opportunity to show the entire world the resilience of the Orthodox Church in the face of tragedy. All parishes in the Archdiocese have been asked to join the parishioners of St. Nicholas in building what will be a worldwide landmark. All Greek Orthodox parishes have been asked to raise \$10,000 towards this historic church. Please make checks out to Assumption and write "St. Nicholas Shrine" in the memo line.