

Announcements

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.

Thank you to Soula Marcou, Carol Marshall, Dan Gantner and all who donated and helped to fix up the Cry Room. It is beautiful!

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

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. Students may register on Tuesday, August 30th at 5:45 pm at Church. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on Assumption's website at 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 21: The Holy Apostle Thaddaeus. The Holy Martyr Bassa and Her Sons Theognis, Agapius, and Pistus,

The *Apostle Thaddaeus* was from Edessa, a Jew by race. When he came to Jerusalem, he became a disciple of Christ, and after His Ascension he returned to Edessa. There he catechized and baptized Abgar. (see Aug 16). Having preached in Mesopotamia, he ended his life in martyrdom. Though some call him one of the Twelve, whom Matthew calls Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus" (Matt. 10:3), Eusebius says that he is one of the Seventy: "After [Christ's] Resurrection from the dead, and His ascent into Heaven, Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles, inspired by God, sent Thaddaeus, one of the seventy disciples of Christ, to Edessa as a preacher and evangelist of Christ's teaching" (Eccl. Hist. I: 13).

The *Martyrs* were from Edessa of Macedonia. Bassa was the wife of a certain Valerian, a priest of the idols, to whom she bore three sons and raised them in piety. She was betrayed with her sons to the proconsul by her own husband; each of her sons was tormented before her and beheaded. For refusing to worship the idols, she was imprisoned, cast into water and then fire, was stoned, and remaining unharmed, was brought to the temple to worship the idols. Laying hold upon the idol of Zeus, she overturned it and broke it into pieces. After being preserved through further torments, she was beheaded, about the year 290, in the reign of Maximian.

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**Απολυτίκιον της Αγίας Βάσσας και των συν
αυτής μαρτυρομένων παιδών, Ήχος γ΄**

Οι Μάρτυρές σου, Κύριε, εν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν,
στεφάνους εκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, εκ σοῦ
τοῦ Θεοῦ ημῶν, σχόντες γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου,
τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ
δαίμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς
κεσείαις, Χριστέ ο Θεός, σώσον τὰς ψυχὰς
ημῶν.

**Apolytikion of Martyr Bassa and her
Children in the Fourth Tone**

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous
contest for Thee received as the prize the
crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our
immortal God. For since they possessed Thy
strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly
destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption.
O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls,
since Thou art merciful.

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.

9th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τρίήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.



Memorials & Trisagia

August 21

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

Calendar of Events

- 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 - Assumption Church Feast Day Luncheon
Philoptochos at Festival of the Little Hills 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Monday, Aug 22: St. Agathonikos & his Companions; Martyr Anthusa
- Tuesday, Aug 23: Apodosis of the Dormition; Saint Ireneaus, Bishop of Lyons
8:30 am Orthros
6:30 Vespers
- Wednesday, Aug 24: St Eutyches the Hieromartyr; St. Kosmas of Aetolia (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Aug 25: Return of the body of St. Bartholomew; St. Titus of the 70
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Aug 26: Sts. Adrian, Natalia & 33 Companions; Righteous Joseph (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
6:00 pm - GOYA Welcome Back Pool Party at the Stamos' Home
- Saturday, Aug 27: St. Poimen the Great; St. Phanourios the Great Martyr
5:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Jr. GOYA Pool Party at the Case's Home
- Sunday, Aug 28: St. Moses the Black of Scete; Sts. Diomedes & Laurence
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
6:30 pm Great Vespers

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.