

Memorials & Trisagia

December 30

- 40-day Memorial for George Leontsinis, husband of Pat Leontsinis, father of Anne Leontsinis and Michelle (Bill) Reisner
- 1-year Memorial for Despina Peppes, mother of Victoria (Sid) Ambort and Nicholas Peppes
- 1-year Memorial for Avgerini Tsingogias, mother of Christos Tsingogias
- 2-year Memorial for Alexander "Ollie" Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan and father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan

January 13

- 40-day Memorial for Presvytera Edna (Androniki) Regopoulos, mother of Pete (Joan) Regopoulos
- Trisagion for Athanasios Dubis
- Trisagion for Katherine Dubis
- Trisagion Androniki Harisis
- Trisagion for Christos Harisis
- Trisagion for Theodoios and Eftalia Dubis

Announcements

The 40-day blessing for Theodore Morton, son of Jesse and Jessica Morton, took place on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

PanHellenic Scholarships: Forty undergraduate scholarships for high academic achievement are given to students of Hellenic descent. Applications are available online at www.panhellenicsf.org. The deadline is January 31, 2019.

Cross Road 2019: Cross Road is a 10 day academic summer institute preparing high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. The deadline is Feb. 1, 2019. Applicants must be 16 to 18 years of age. Three sessions this year are: June 15-25, July 2-12 (both in Boston) and July 23-Aug 2 in Chicago, IL. Go to: <http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/>.

Ormylia Philanthropic Center: "Panagia Philanthopini - Our Lady who Loves Mankind," is a philanthropic center in Greece whose mission is to comfort and alleviate the suffering of the poor and working class public without preference to race, religion, gender, or creed. It is dedicated to spreading the message of God's love and saving grace through medical, educational, scientific research, charitable and spiritual services and ministries. The director, Charles Anthony, is a former parishioner of Assumption. Please make donation checks payable to "The Assumption Church" marked for "the Ormylia Foundation" and mail or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

Gift Cards Needed: Fr. Joseph needs gift cards to Walmart or Target to give to those in need for the holidays. Please bring cards to the church office or to Soula Marcou. Any denomination is greatly appreciated.

Matching Fund Drive: A very generous donor has pledged \$6,500 to Assumption for a matching fund drive in order to pay off the air conditioner for the Sunday School classrooms. Please write "Air Conditioner" in the memo line of your checks, and thank you for your generosity!

2018 Stewardship: Please make your 2018 Stewardship commitment by the end of December. Assumption currently has 380 pledged families; however, we need to have at least 400 by the end of this year. It is vital that all families make a stewardship donation and return it to the Church as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting Assumption Church.

Sunday Bulletin

December 16, 2018



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Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν Προπατόρων. Ἦχος β΄

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας
ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν
προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν.
Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ
σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς
εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς
αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Holy Forefathers. Mode 2.

By faith You justified the Forefathers,
having through them betrothed to yourself
the Church that came out of the nations. The
saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious
fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave
birth to You, is from their progeny. At their
entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

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.

Eleventh Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

December 16 - Our Righteous Mother Blessed Empress Theophania

Saint Theophania, who was born in Constantinople, was of royal lineage. Instructed in letters, and adorned with many virtues, she was united in marriage to Emperor Leo the Wise (reigned 886-912). But counting the glory of the earthly kingdom as nought, she spent her nights and days in serving God with psalms and hymns and prayers, working various good deeds until she surrendered her spirit to God in peace, while still in her youth, being, according to some, about twenty years of age, according to others, twenty-seven. Her holy relics are still preserved in the patriarchal church in Constantinople as a source of healing for those that draw nigh with faith and longing. She was also the builder of the Holy Patriarchal and Stavropigeal Monastery of St. Anastasia the Protector from Potions in Chalke (883).

Excerpted from: The Great Horologion or Book of Hours, Trans. Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Holy Transfiguration Monastery Press, Brookline, MA, 1997.



In Our Prayers

Nora (Elaine) Bangert, Seraphima Henderson, Thekla (Rebecca) Kagaris, Dean Kases, Janie (Zafera) Kyramarios

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec 16: **The Holy Forefathers** (wine & oil allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:15 pm Christmas Pageant and Social
6:30 pm Vespers for Prophet Daniel
- Monday, Dec 17: Prophet Daniel (wine & oil allowed)
- Tuesday, Dec 18: Martyr Sebastian; St. Soloros of Amissos (Fast)
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Dec 19: Martyrs Boniface, Elias & Provos (Fast)
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 20: God-bearing Ignatios; Philogonios of Antioch (wine & oil allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm YAL spiritual
- Friday, Dec 21: St. Juliana & 630 Martyrs; Martyr Themistokles (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec 22: Great Martyr Anastasia; Sts. Chrysogonos & Theodota (Wine & oil allowed)
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec 23: **Genealogy of Christ**; 10 Holy Martyrs of Crete (wine & oil allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

“Unless we look at a person and see the beauty there is in this person, we can contribute nothing to him. One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly, what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone he met, at the prostitute, at the thief, and saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was beauty none the less, and what he did was to call out this beauty.”

- *Metropolitan Anthony Bloom*

FOCUS Needs: FOCUS-Gateway is in need of items to help people get through the cold winter. New or gently used warm sleeping bags, comforters, warm coveralls and other warm clothing, especially for men, are needed. Please drop off items in the FOCUS box in the Narthex at church.

Christmas Donation: Please do not forget to include Christ's Church in your generosity during the celebration of His birth by sending a Christmas donation. We are asking every family to give a donation this year. May God bless you and your family during this Holy season.