

## Memorials & Trisagia

### November 25

9-month Memorial for Constantinos Papavlasopoulos, husband of Nasika (Nancy)  
Papavlasopoulos, father of Maria (Matt) Peters and Pete Papavlasopoulos

### December 2

65-year Memorial for Michael Tharenos, father of Tony (Joyce) Tharenos and Nick (Becky)  
Tharenos

### December 9

40-day Memorial for Jereis Musalam, brother of Munira (Khalil) Rishmawi  
8-year Memorial for Maria Potsos, mother of Carol (John) Maniaci and Lewis Potsos  
26-year Memorial for Nicholas Potsos, husband of Donna Potsos, brother of Carol (John) Maniaci  
and Lewis Potsos  
52-year Memorial for Kostantinos Potsos, father of Carol (John) Maniaci and Lewis Potsos

### 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

### **December 2 - Habakkuk the Prophet**

This Prophet, whose name means "loving embrace," is eighth in order of the minor Prophets. His homeland and tribe are not recorded in the Divine Scriptures; according to some, he was of the tribe of Symeon. He prophesied in the years of Joachim, who is also called Jechonias, before the Babylonian captivity of the Jewish People, which took place 599 years before Christ. When Nabuchodonosor came to take the Israelites captive, Habakkuk fled to Ostrakine, and after Jerusalem was destroyed and the Chaldeans departed, Habakkuk returned and cultivated his field. Once he made some pottage and was about to take it to the reapers in the field. An Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and carried him with the pottage to Babylon to feed Daniel in the lions' den, then brought him back to Judea (Bel and the Dragon, 33-39): His book of prophecy is divided into three chapters; the third chapter is also used as the Fourth Ode of the Psalter. His holy relics were found in Palestine during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Great, through a revelation to Zebennus, Bishop of Eleutheropolis (Sozomen, Eccl. Hist., Book VII, 29).

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

## **Sunday Bulletin**

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### **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**

**Ἦχος β΄.**

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ  
Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας  
τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς  
τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας,  
πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων  
ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν  
δόξα σοι..

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion.**

**Mode 2.**

When You descended unto death, O Lord  
who yourself are immortal Life, then did You  
mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your  
Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from  
the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens  
were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our  
God, glory to You.

### **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.

## Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

**Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

### Announcements

**Forty Day Blessing:** The Forty-day blessing for Vasilios Simos, son of Greg and Megan Simos will take place today after Divine Liturgy.

**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 help expunge this debt by donating what you are able. We need an additional \$6,500 to close the loan. Please write "Air Conditioner" in the memo line of your checks, and thank you for your generosity!

**PanHellenic Scholarships:** Forty undergraduate scholarships for high academic achievement are given to students of Hellenic descent. Applications are available online at [www.panhellenicsf.org](http://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.

**2018 Stewardship:** Please make your 2018 Stewardship commitment by the end of December. Assumption currently has 371 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.

**Christmas Donation Announcement:** 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.

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec 2: Prophet Habakkuk; Martyr Myrope of Chios (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:30 pm Philoptochos Christmas Party
- Monday, Dec 3: Prophet Zephaniah; New Martyr Angelis (Fish allowed)  
5:30 pm Vigil & Divine Liturgy at St. John of Damascus in Carbondale
- Tuesday, Dec 4: **Great Martyr Barbara** (Fish allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:00 pm Youth Night  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Dec 5: St. Savvas the Sanctified; Martyr Diogenes (Wine & oil allowed)  
2:00 pm Kafenio  
6:30 pm Great Vespers at the Family Life Center
- Thursday, Dec 6: **Wonderworker Nicholas** (Fish allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church
- Friday, Dec 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan; St. Gerasimos of Euboeia (Fast)  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec 8: Righteous Patapios; Ap. Sosthenes & Apollo of the 70 (Fish allowed)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec 9: **Conception of the Theotokos by St. Anna** (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:00 pm Parish Council Elections  
12:15 pm Greek School

### Giving Tree

Help bring joy to a family in need this Christmas season. Please see Soula Marcou in the hall during coffee hour to choose your family. Presents must be dropped off at church by December 9, 2018.

**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.