

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, husband of Magda Dubis
- Trisagion for Katherine Dubis, daughter of Chris & Tracy Dubis
- Trisagion Androniki Harisis, mother of Magda Dubis
- Trisagion for Christos Harisis, father of Magda Dubis
- Trisagion for Theodoios and Eftalia Dubis

February 17

- 2-year Memorial for Peter (Panagiotis) Ellis, husband of Paula Ellis

Announcements

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.

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.

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 23, 2018



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Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν Προπατόρων. Ἦχος δ΄

Ἐτοιμάζου Βηθλεέμ, ἠνοικτα πᾶσιν
ἡ Ἐδέμ. Εὐτρεπίζου Ἐφραθα, ὅτι τὸ ξύλον
τῆς ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ Σπηλαίῳ ἐξήνθησεν ἐκ τῆς
Παρθένου. Παράδεισος καὶ γάρ, ἡ ἐκείνης
γαστήρ, ἐδείχθη νοητός, ἐν ᾧ τὸ θεῖον
φυτόν, ἐξ οὗ φαγόντες ζήσομεν, οὐχὶ δὲ ὡς
ὁ Ἀδὰμ τεθνηξόμεθα. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται,
τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

Apolytikion for the Holy Forefathers. Mode 4.

O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened
unto all. * And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree
of life * has in the grotto blossomed forth from
the Virgin. * Indeed her womb is shown to be
spiritually * a Paradise, in which is found the
God-planted Tree. * And if we eat from it we
shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of
old. * Christ is born, so that He might raise up
* the formerly fallen image.

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 Before Nativity

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

December 23 - Ten Martyrs of Crete

These Saints, who were all from Crete, contested for piety's sake during the reign of Decius, in the year 250. Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, and Eunician were from Gortynia, the capital; Zoticus was from Knossos; Agathopus, from the port city of Panormus; Basilides, from Cydonia; Evarestus and Pompey, from Heraklion. Haled before the Governor as Christians, they were subjected to torments for thirty days, being scourged, racked, dragged upon the ground through dung heaps, stoned, spit upon. They were questioned again, but their constancy roused the Governor to greater fury. After subjecting them to torments more bitter still, he had them beheaded.

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

Calendar of Events

- 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
- Monday, Dec 24: **Christmas Eve** (Strict Fast)
9:00 am Great Hours & Typica
6:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy & Coffee Hour
- Tuesday, Dec 25: **Nativity of Christ**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Coffee Hour
- Wednesday, Dec 26: **Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos**
9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy **at St. Thomas Church**
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 27: **Protomartyr Stephen**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Dec 28: 20,000 Martyrs burned at Nikomedia
No Friday Luncheon
6:00 pm GOYA Christmas Party at the home of Demetri & Elsa Case
- Saturday, Dec 29: 14,000 Infants slain by Herod at Bethlehem
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec 30: Righteous Anysia; St. Gedeon the Younger
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy



In Our Prayers

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



Confession: Please make sure to go to confession during this Holy season.

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.