

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
6-month Memorial for Ismini Draper, daughter of Evangelia Damalas
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

February 24

- 2-year Memorial for Constantine (Dean) Bellos, son of Steve and Dessie Bellos, brother of Tom Bellos

In Our Prayers

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

When a person is grateful, they are pleased with everything. They think about what God has given them every single day and find joy in all things. However, when they are ungrateful, nothing pleases them and they grumble and complain about everything.

- St. Paisios of Athos

December 30 - Anyisia the Virgin-martyr of Thessaloniki

This Saint, who was from Thessalonica, was the daughter of pious and wealthy parents, After their death, she passed her life in virginity, serving God by means of good deeds. One day, as she was on her way to church, a pagan soldier approached her and asked her to accompany him to the temple of the idols, but she refused. When he began to drag her with him, she spit in his face and confessed Christ. Filled with anger, he thrust his sword into her side and slew her, in the year 299, during the reign of Maximian.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Ἦχος δ΄

Ἡ Γέννησις σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,
ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως·
ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες,
ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν,
τὸν Ἥλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ
γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν.
Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for the Nativity

Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

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 after Nativity

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Announcements

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.

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!

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec 30: Righteous Anysia; St. Gedeon the Younger
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
No Sunday School
- Monday, Dec 31: St. Melani of Rome; St. Zotikos, Orphankeeper
7:00 pm Great Vespers
8:00 pm New Year's Eve Party
- Tuesday, Jan 1: **Circumcision of Christ**
St. Basil the Great
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Doxology
- Wednesday, Jan 2: Bishop Silvestros; Hieromartyr Theagenes
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Jan 3: Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordios
- Friday, Jan 4: Synaxis of 70 Apostles; Righteous Theokistos
9:00 am Great Hours & Typica
No Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Jan 5: **Eve of Theophany**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of the Waters
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm Jr. GOYA Christmas Party
- Sunday, Jan 6: **Theophany**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School, and Great Blessing of the Waters
1:30 pm Holy Water Blessing at Wilmore Park

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.

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.