

Memorials & Trisagia

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 9 - The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, since Saint Anna, the Ancestor of God, was barren, she and her husband Joachim remained without children until old age. Therefore, sorrowing over their childlessness, they besought God with a promise that, if He were to grant them the fruit of the womb, they would offer their offspring to Him as a gift. And God, hearkening to their supplication, informed them through an Angel concerning the birth of the Virgin. And thus, through God's promise, Anna conceived according to the laws of nature, and was deemed worthy to become the mother of the Mother of our Lord (see also Sept. 8).

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

Let us scatter our love selflessly to all, without regard to the way they act towards us. When the grace of God enters us, we will not be concerned about whether they love us or not, or whether they speak to us politely or not. We will feel the need to love all people. It's egotism on our part to wish for others to speak to us politely. If they don't, we shouldn't be upset. Let them speak to us as they wish. Our aim should be to love them and pray for them with all our soul. Then we will become aware that all people love us without our seeking it and without our begging for their love. They will love us freely and sincerely from the depths of their heart. When we love without seeking to be loved, people will gather around us like bees. This is true for everyone.

- St. Porphyrios

In Our Prayers

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

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Τῆς τῆς Ἁγίας Ἄννης Ἦχος δ΄.

Σήμερον τῆς ἀτεκνίας δεσμῶν
διαλύονται· τοῦ Ἰωακείμ γὰρ καὶ τῆς Ἄννης
εἰσακούων Θεός, παρ' ἐλπίδα τεκεῖν αὐτοῦς
σαφῶς, ὑπισχνεῖται θεόπαιδα, ἐξ ἧς αὐτός
ἐτέχθη ὁ ἀπερίγραπτος, βροτὸς γεγονώς,
δι' Ἀγγέλου κελεύσας βοῆσαι αὐτῇ. Χαῖρε
Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Apolytikion for St. Anna. Mode 4.

Today the bonds of childlessness are broken. For hearing the prayers of Joachim and Anne, God promised that against all hope they would give birth to the Maiden of God. He, the Uncircumscribed, would be born of her, when He would become man, and by the Angel's example, He commands us to call to her: "Rejoice, Maiden full of the grace, the Lord is with 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.

Tenth Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Announcements

Forty-Day Blessing: The forty-day blessing for Jacqueline Domina Vardaros, daughter of Sid and Jacqueline Vardoros took place last Sunday, December 2, 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.

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.

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 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
- Monday, Dec 10: Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes & Eugegraphos (Fish allowed)
- Tuesday, Dec 11: Stylites Daniel & Luke the New (Fish allowed)
5:45 pm Greek School Christmas Celebration
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Dec 12: **St. Spyridon the Wonderworker** (Wine & oil allowed)
9:00 am Grief Share
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 13: Martyrs Eustratios, Auxenty, Eugene & Orestes (wine & oil allowed)
10:00 am Women's Book Study: Lenten potluck and confessions at the home of Victoria Ambort
- Friday, Dec 14: Martyrs Thyrsos, Leucius & Callinicos (Fast)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec 15: **Hieromartyr Eleutherios & his Mother Anthia** (Wine & oil allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
9:30 am Little Angels/JOY
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- 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

Coffee Hour is sponsored in memory of Jereis Musalam, Konstantinos Potsos, Maria Potsos, and Nicholas Potsos.

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.