

## Announcements

**Coffee Hour** is sponsored today by the Kantis family in memory of George Denos.

**Vasilopita:** Lila Nicholas is taking vasilopita orders. The cost is \$14.00 per loaf and she must have your order by December 15. They will be available for pick-up on December 18. If you have any questions, please call Lila Nicholas or the Church office. Thank you.

**2016 Stewardship:** Please make your 2016 Stewardship commitment by the end of December. Assumption currently has 358 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.

**The Holy Monastery of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Ormylia, Greece** has a Philanthropic center called "Panagia Philanthopini - Our Lady who Loves Mankind," whose mission is to comfort and alleviate the suffering of the poor and working class public without preference to race, religion, gender, or creed. The Center 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 of this center is Charles Anthony, a former parishioner of the Assumption Church. During the upcoming holy season, we will take a collection to help the children's programs at this center. If you would like to give a donation for this cause, please make a check payable to "The Assumption Church" and mark it for "the Ormylia Foundation" and mail or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your support.

**CrossRoad 2017:** Applications are now available online for CrossRoad 2017. CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition.. Priority deadline is Feb. 1, 2017. Applicants must be between 16 and 18 years of age. There are two sessions this year: June 17-27 and July 5 - 15. For more information and to apply online, go to: <http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/>.

### **December 4: The Holy Great Martyr Barabara**

Saint Barbara was from Heliopolis of Phoenicia and lived during the reign of Maximian. She was the daughter of a certain idolater named Dioscorus. When Barbara came of age, she was enlightened in her pure heart and secretly believed in the Holy trinity. About this time Dioscorus began building a bath-house.; before it was finished he was required to go away to attend to certain matters, and in his absence Barbara directed the workmen to build a third window in addition to the two her father had commanded. She also inscribed the sign of the Cross with her finger upon the marble of the bath-house, leaving the saving sign cut as deeply into the marble as if it had been done with an iron tool. When the Synaxarion of Saint Barbara was written, the marble of the bath-house and the cross inscribed by Saint Barbara were still preserved, and many healings were worked there. When Dioscorus returned, he asked why the third window had been added; Barbara began to declare to him the mystery of the Trinity. Because she refused to renounce her faith, Dioscorus tortured Barbara inhumanely, and after subjecting her to many sufferings he beheaded her with his own hands, in the year 290.

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## **Sunday Bulletin**

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#### **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Βαρβάραν**

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Βαρβάραν τὴν Ἁγίαν τιμῶμεν·  
ἐχθροῦ γὰρ τὰς παγίδας συνέτριψε, καὶ ὡς  
στρουθίον ἐρρύσθη ἐξ αὐτῶν, βοηθεῖα καὶ  
ὄπλῳ τοῦ Σταυροῦ ἢ Πάνσεμνος.

#### **Apolytikion for St. Barbara**

Mode pl. 4

Let us honor the all-virtuous Saint  
Barbara; for she broke the snares of the  
enemy, and she escaped from them like a  
bird, with the Cross as her help and shield.

#### **Welcome to all our visitors.**

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 3:23-29; 4:1-5***

BRETHREN, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

### ***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.

### **In Our Prayers:**

Ollie (Alexander) Aslan, Nora Bangert, Constantine Bellos, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Achilles Kirkou, Jean Kotakis, Michael Labis, George and Janice Paradissis, Elaine Scott, Chris & Despina Zeris.

### **Memorials & Trisagia**

#### **December 4**

40-day Memorial for George Denos, brother of Maria (George) Kantis  
40-Day Memorial for George Contis, father of Alexia Contis and Greg Contis

#### **December 11**

6-month Memorial for Demetrios (Jim) Beys, husband of Eleftheria Beys, father of Vicki (Jim) Palmer, Dimitra Beys, and Sam (Gretchyn) Beys

#### **December 18**

1-year Memorial for Angelo Palladino, son of Stella Palladino, brother of Kathy Palladino and Iakavos Palladino  
17-year Memorial for George Palladino, husband of Stella Palladino, father of Kathy Palladino and Iakavos Palladino

## **Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, Dec 4: **Great Martyr Barbara** (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:30 pm Philoptochos Christmas Party
- Monday, Dec 5: St. Savvas the Sanctified (Fish allowed)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Reception at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
- Tuesday, Dec 6: **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker** (Fish allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros, Divine Liturgy and Brunch at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:15 pm JOY Youth Group  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Dec 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 8: Forefeast of the Conception of the Theotokos (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Dec 9: **Conception of the Theotokos** (Wine and oil allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec 10: Sts. Menas, Hermogenes, Eugephos; St. Thomas of Bithynia (Fish allowed)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
6:00 pm Agapi Parish Night
- Sunday, Dec 11: St. Daniel the Stylite; St. Luke, Stylite of Chalcedon (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:00 pm Parish Council Elections  
12:00 pm Greek Dance kickoff and holiday party

*The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and become a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.*

*-Matthew 13:31 - 32*