

Announcements

Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the Beys and Potsos families in honor of their loved ones.

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 361 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 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/>.

Gift Cards Needed: Fr. Joseph needs gift cards to Target and Walmart to give to those in need for the holidays. Please bring cards to the church office. Any denomination greatly appreciated.

December 11: Our Righteous Father Daniel Stylite

This Saint was from the village of Marutha in the region of Samosata in Mesopotamia. He became a monk at the age of twelve. After visiting Saint Symeon the Stylite and receiving his blessing, he was moved with zeal to follow his marvelous way of life. At the age of forty-two, guided by providence, he came to Anaplis in the environs of Constantinople, in the days of holy Patriarch Anatolius, who was also healed by Saint Daniel of a very grave malady and sought to have him live near him. Upon coming to Anaplis, Saint Daniel first lived in the church of the Archangel Michael, but after some nine years, Saint Symeon the Stylite appeared to him in a vision, commanding him to imitate his own ascetical struggle upon a pillar. The remaining thirty-three years of his life he stood for varying periods on three pillars, one after another. He stood immovable in all weather, and once his disciples found him covered with ice after a winter storm. He was a councilor of emperors; the pious Emperor Leo the Great fervently loved him and brought his royal guests to meet him. It was at Saint Daniel's word that the holy relics of Saint Symeon the Stylite were brought to Constantinople from Antioch, and it was in his days that the Emperor Leo had the relics of the three Holy Children brought from Babylon. Saint Daniel also defended the Church against the error of Eutychians. Having lived through the reigns of the Emperors Leo, Zeno, and Basiliscus, he reposed in 490, at the age of eighty-four.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν Προπατόρων

Ἦχος β΄.

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας
ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν
προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν.
Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, οἱ ἐκ
σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς
εὐκλείης, ἡ ἀσπύρωσ τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς
αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Forefathers

Mode pl. 2

By faith You justified the Forefathers,
having through them betrothed to yourself
the Church that came out of the nations. The
saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious
fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave
birth to You, is from their progeny. At their
entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

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.

Eleventh Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"



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 11

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

6-year Memorial for Maria Potsos, Mother of Carol (John) Maniaci and Lewis Potsos

24-year Memorial for Nicholas Potsos, husband of Donna Potsos, brother of Carol (John) Maniaci and Lewis Potsos

50-year Memorial for Kostandinos Potsos, father of Carol (John) Maniaci and Lewis Potsos

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 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
- Monday, Dec 12: **Wonderworker Spyridon** (Fish allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, Dec 13: St. Auxentios and the Martyrs of Sebaste (Fish allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Dec 14: Sts. Thyrsos, Leucius & Callinicos (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 15: **Hieromartyr Eleutherios** (Fish allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:30 pm Vespers
- Friday, Dec 16: Prophet Haggai; Archbishop Modestos of Jerusalem (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
6:00 pm AHEPA Apartment Christmas Party - JR. GOYA
- Saturday, Dec 17: **Prophet Daniel and the Three holy Youths** (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec 18: St. Sebastian and his Companions (Wine & oil allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Sunday School Christmas Pageant & Social



Whoever sees in himself the traces of hatred toward any man on account of any kind of sin is completely foreign to the love of God. For love toward God does not at all tolerate hatred for man.

-St. Maximos the Confessor