

## Announcements

**In Our Prayers:** Nora Bangert, Jim Beys, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Agne Karagianis, Jean Kotakis, Michael Labis, George and Janice Paradissis, Elaine Scott, John Surgant, Sr., Elizabeth Despina Tsaoussis, Chris & Despina Zeris.

**Help Needed:** On March 20th, a young man from Greece is coming to Children's Hospital for surgery. If you would like to help with hospitality or transportation, please call the Church office at (314) 966-2255.

**IOCC Flood Relief Volunteers:** The IOCC is in need of more Flood Relief Volunteers ages 17 and up, or 16 with a parent. Friday, Saturday and Sunday February 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fr. Anastasios at 314-966-2255 to volunteer.

**Prison Ministry Funds Drive:** The Assumption Prison Ministry will be holding a Funds Drive during the month of February. Funds will be used to provide material support and encouragement to ex-offenders and their families as they transition from prison to becoming productive members of society. Funds are also used to help Prison Ministry efforts for those who are still in prison. Cash or checks may be given to Bill Goranitis or Diane Sieckmann. Checks can also be mailed to the Church. Make sure to mark checks "Prison Ministry."

**Summer Opportunities: Ionian Village Summer 2016:** Visit [www.ionianvillage.org](http://www.ionianvillage.org). Registration opens March 1. **Vacation Church School at Assumption:** July 11 - 15. Pre-k to 5th grade: Registration forms are available at [www.assumptiongoc.org](http://www.assumptiongoc.org). **OYPC (Orthodox Young Professionals Conference):** August 18 - 21, Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Registration opens in March. [www.oypc2016.com](http://www.oypc2016.com). More information will be forthcoming on **Jr. Olympics:** May 27-30, 2016, **Fanari Camp** and **Hellenic Culture Camp** at St. Nicholas Life Center. More information in the monthly newsletter.

### February 15th - The Holy Apostle Onesimus

One of the Seventy, he was a slave of Philemon, a rich and distinguished citizen of Colossae in Phrygia. He offended his master in some way and fled to Rome, where he heard the Gospel from the Apostle Paul and was baptized. By this time, Paul had brought Philemon also to the true Faith, and he reconciled the two of them, Philemon and Onesimus, master and slave, writing a special epistle to Philemon - one of the most moving writings to be found in the New Testament: 'I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds . . . Perhaps he departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever, not now as a servant, but above a servant; a brother beloved.' Deeply moved by this letter, Philemon received Onesimus as a brother indeed and gave him his freedom. Onesimus was later made bishop and received the see of Ephesus after the death of the Apostle Timothy. This is recorded in the epistle of Ignatius the God-Bearer. At the time of the persecution under Trajan, Onesimus, by then an old man, was arrested and taken to Rome. There he testified before the judge Tertylus, was imprisoned and finally slain. A wealthy woman took his body, placed it in a silver coffin and buried it, in the year 109.

*The Prologue from Ochrid: Lives of the Saints and Homilies for Every Day in the Year*, vol. 1 by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic. Translated by Mother Maria. Lazarica Press, Birmingham, 1985.

## Sunday Bulletin February 14, 2016



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### 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.

## Sunday of the Canaanite

### **Epistle Reading: *St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1***

BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### **Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28***

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

### ***Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone***

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμενα ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Memorials & Trisagia

### **Feb 21**

40-day Memorial for Angelo Leara, uncle of Kevin Yorga

### **Feb 28**

1-year Memorial for Mark Daniel (Danny) Taylor, husband of Stephanie Taylor, father of Daine, Mikail, Achilles, and Ares Taylor

### **March 20**

1-year memorial for Constantinos Vithoukias, brother of Georgia (Gus) Antonopoulos

### **March 27**

1-year Memorial for Kaliope Liontos, mother of Harriet Liontos and Mary (Gary) Charipar

4-year Memorial for Michael Liontos, father of Harriet Liontos and Mary (Gary) Charipar

### **April 3**

1-year Memorial for Jordan Gabriel Sadaka, son of Farid and Anna Sadaka

1-year Memorial for Paraskeve (Voula) Stratos, mother of Harry (Robin) Stratos and Fotina (Willima) Shisko

11-year Memorial for John Stratos, father of Harry (Robin) Stratos and Fotina (Willima) Shisko

### **April 17**

1-year Memorial for Helen Papavramides, mother of Bessie (Taki) Theodorou, Frank (Lynn) Papavramides, Agnes Willis, and Jinny Murray

4-year Memorial for Stergios Papavramides, father of Bessie (Taki) Theodorou, Frank (Lynn) Papavramides, Agnes Willis, and Jinny Murray

4-year Memorial for Nicholas Georgen, husband of Katherine Georgen, father of Elaine (Rodney) Been, Dennis (Vickie) Georgen, and Anrew (Therese Marie) Georgen

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, Feb 14:	<b>Godparent Sunday</b> Auxentios of the Mounain; Cyril, Enlightener of the Slavs; Theodore the Tyro 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School <b>12:00 pm Fundraising Breakfast for everyone hosted by GOYA</b>
Monday, Feb 15:	Onesimus of the 70; Anthimus the Elder of Chios
Tuesday, Feb 16:	Pamphilos & Companions; Flavianos, Patriarch of Constantinople 8:30 am Orthros 5:45 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Vespers 7:15 pm JOY Youth Night 7:20 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb 17:	Theodore of Tyro; Mariamne, sister of Philip 8:30 am Orthros 2:00 pm Kafenio
Thursday, Feb 18:	Pope Leo of Rome; Agapetus the Confessor 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study at the home of Presvytera Ranae 6:30 pm Vespers 7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study at the home of Nina Seitz 7:00 pm Festival Committee Meeting
Friday, Feb 19:	Philemon, Archippos of the 70; Philothea, Martyr of Athens 8:30 am Orthros 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
Saturday, Feb 20:	Bishop Leo of Catania; Pope Agathon of Rome 5:00 pm Great Vespers 5:30 pm GOYA to Upper Limits
Sunday, Feb 21:	Timothy the Righteous; John III, Patriarch of Constantinople 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School 12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting

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***Please contact one of the priests if you would like to have your house or business blessed.***

***Please return your old Church calendars to the Church or burn the icons. Also, please return your old glass Holy Water bottles to the Church. Thank you.***