

## 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 27th - Our Holy Father Titus of the Kiev Caves

Titus was a priest and had a sincere love for a deacon, Evagrius, as brother for brother. But, though such was their love at first, it later became a mutual malice and hatred, sown by the devil. They hated each other so much that, when one of them used the censer in church, the other turned and went outside. Titus tried many times to make peace with his adversary, but in vain. Titus became ill, and all thought that he was dying. He begged that Evagrius be brought to him, that they might forgive each other. Evagrius was brought by force to Titus' bedside, but he fled away, saying that he would not forgive Titus, either in this world or the next. As he said this, he fell to the ground and breathed his last. But Titus rose from his bed healed, and revealed how the demons had flown around him until he forgave Evagrius, and when he had done so, the demons had fled and attacked Evagrius, angels of God surrounding himself. He died in 1190.

*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 21, 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 Publican and Pharisee**

**Epistle Reading: *St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15***

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:10-14***

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### ***Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone***

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠδύοκῆσε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

## **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 Vithoulkas, brother of Georgia (Gus) Antonopoulos

22-year Memorial for Vasiliki Kolovaki, grandmother of Aleka (Larry) Karagiannis

### **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

14-year Trisagion for George Kapros, husband of Katherine Kapros

### **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 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
- Monday, Feb 22: Relics of Martyrs in Eugenios, Thalassius and Baradatus
- Tuesday, Feb 23: Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna; Archbishop Proterios of Alexandria  
8:30 am Orthros  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Feb 24: First and Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist (fast free)  
8:30 am Orthros  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Feb 25: Patriarch Tarasios of Constantinople; Bishop Reginos of Skopelos  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study at the home of Presvytera Ranae  
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study at the home of Nina Seitz
- Friday, Feb 26: Bishop Porphyrios of Gaza; Saint Photini the Samaritan & sisters (fast free)  
8:30 am Orthros  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Feb 27: Saint Prokopios the Confessor, Saint Raphael of Brooklyn  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
6:00 pm Jr. GOYA Game night at Church
- Sunday, Feb 28: Saint Basil the Confessor; Saint Kyranna of Thessaloniki  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

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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.***