

Announcements

40-day Blessing: Christina Tsahiridis, infant daughter of Samson and Artemis Tsahiridis will receive her 40-day blessing after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 7.

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 Tsoubanos, 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, translation or transportation, please call the Church office at (314) 966-2255.

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."

Urgent Request for Doctors to Serve on Medical Mission Trips: OCMC is in urgent need of a physician and/or a physician's assistant to join Medical Mission Trips to **Uganda** (May 9-21) at the Holy Cross Orthodox Mission Hospital in Namungoona, outside Kampala and **Guatemala** (April 8-17 and August 26-September 4) to provide health care at the Fr. Andres Giron Health Clinic in the northern Mayan village of Aguacate. Medical personnel are needed to conduct medical clinics and offer health instruction. For more information, please visit www.ocmc.org, e-mail teams@ocmc.org, or call 1-877 GO FORTH (ext. 141).

Missing: Two green-covered books in Arabic and English are missing from Church. They are out-of-print and Fr. Joseph needs them. Please call the office if you can help.

Blessed Icons: Three icons were left in the Holy Altar to be blessed, but have no names on them. Please call the office if one of them belongs to you. They need to be picked up. Thank you.

February 4 - Our Holy Father Isidore of Pelusium

He was an Egyptian, the son of eminent parents and a kinsman of the Patriarchs of Alexandria Theophilus and Cyril. Completing his secular studies, he renounced his riches and worldly standing and gave himself wholly to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent interpreter and defender of the Orthodox faith. The historian Nicephorus states that Isidore wrote more than 10,000 letters to various people, in which he reprimanded one, advised another, consoled a third, instructed a fourth. 'It is more important to be proficient in good works than in golden-tongued preaching', he writes in one letter. In another, he says: 'If a man wishes his virtues to appear great, let him regard them as small and then they will be truly shown to be great.' The first and fundamental rule for Isadore was: first do and then teach, after the example of the Lord Jesus. At a time when St. John Chrysostom was undergoing persecution and the whole world was divided into two camps, one for and one against this great pillar of Orthodoxy, St Isidore stood on the side of Chrysostom. He wrote to Patriarch Theophilus, saying what a great light Chrysostom was in the Church and begging that the hatred of him should cease. He lived long and labored greatly, glorifying Christ the Lord in his life and his writings, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ in about 450.

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.

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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.

15th Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: *St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15*

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:1-10*

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Memorials & Trisagia

January 31

1-year Memorial for Amelia Patelis, mother of Lefteris (Pam) Patelis, grandmother of Danielle, Deanna, and Jason Patelis

February 7

17-year Trisagion for Mary Labis, wife of Mike Labis

25-year Memorial for Anastasia Kirkou, wife of Achilles Kirkou, mother of Nick (Kati) Kirkou, George (Amy) Kirkou, and Mary (Frazer) Cameron.

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

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

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan 31:

Grandparent/Grandchild Sunday

Unmercenaries Cyrus & John; Martyr Theodote, Theoctiste & Eudoxia
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 Appreciation Luncheon

Monday, Feb 1:

Forefeast of the Presentation; Tryphon the Martyr

Tuesday, Feb 2:

Meeting of the Lord

9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 pm Vespers
7:15 pm JOY Youth Night
7:20 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb 3:

Saint Symeon and Anna the Prophetess
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
7:15 pm Greek Studies 20th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, Feb 4:

Saint Isidore of Pelusium; Nicholas 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
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study at the home of Nina Seitz

Friday, Feb 5:

Agatha the Martyr; Polyeuktos, Patriarch of Constantinople
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon

Saturday, Feb 6:

Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople; Bucolos, Bishop of Smyrna
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm GOYA

Sunday, Feb 7:

Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos; Luke the Righteous
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
4:00 pm Superbowl Party hosted by Stephanie Clifton and Nick Zervos

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