

Announcements

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the family of Maria Kafelanos.

Artoclasia - Blessing of the Five Loaves: Artoclasia on Sunday, August 14th at Great Vespers is presented by the Assumption Ladies Philoptochos and the Brothers of Sopiki.

In Our Prayers: Nora Bangert, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Jean Kotakis, Michael Labis, George and Janice Paradissis, Elaine Scott, Elizabeth Despina Tsoussis, Chris & Despina Zeris.

Monastery Pilgrimage: The Assumption Ladies Philoptochos is sponsoring a trip to the Monastery of St. John Chrysostomos in Pleasant Prairie, WI, Friday, October 21- Sunday, October 23. The \$70 cost includes transportation and meals at the monastery. Please bring spending money for meals and snacks for the bus trip or purchases at the Monastery. Payment needed by August 31st to hold reservations. Meet at the Church at 11:30 am. Checks payable to Assumption Church. Questions, call 314-966-2255

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church will celebrate her feast day on Sunday, August 14 at 6:30 pm with Great Vespers, Blessing of the Five Loaves and a reception. On Monday, August 15, Orthros will be chanted at 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am with a Reception following.

Greek School Registration now open: Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6 at 5:45 pm. Tuition is \$120 for the whole year for one child or adult, and \$110 for a second child. Please register by August 30th for proper placement. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on Assumption's website at www.assumptiongoc.org under "Ministries."

Missing: Fr. Joseph has misplaced a black robe. If anyone knows where it is, please call the office at 314-966-2255. Thank you!

Volunteer Librarian Needed: Assumption Church is in need of a volunteer librarian for the Parish library. Please call the office at 314-966-2255 if you are interested.

July 31: Forefeast of the Procession of the Precious Cross. The Holy and Just Eudocimus.

Because of the many diseases that occur in the month of August, the custom prevailed of old in Constantinople to carry the precious *Wood of the Cross* in procession throughout the city for its sanctification and its deliverance from illness. It was brought forth from the imperial treasury on the last day of July and placed upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of the Holy Wisdom; and beginning August 1, until the end of the Dormition of the Theotokos, it was carried in procession throughout the city and was set forth for veneration before the people.

Saint Eudocimus was from Cappadocia, the son of pious and most illustrious parents, patricians in rank. He especially cultivated chastity and mercy the one by never meeting the gaze of a woman, the other by cheerfully providing in his righteous ways, showing mercy and uprightness in all his dealings. Having so lived in piety, quietly and without ostentation, he was called from this life at the age of thirty-three, about the year 840, during the reign of the Iconoclast Theophilus. Not long after his burial, his grave became a fountain of unending miracles, as God revealed the virtue that Eudocimus had striven to hide; when his grave was later opened. His body was found incorrupt. His holy relics were translated to Constantinople.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῆς Ἁγίας, Ἦχος γ΄

Ἐκ γῆς ὁ καλέσας σε, πρὸς αἰωνίους
μονάς, τηρεῖ καὶ μετὰ θάνατον
ἀδιαλώβητον, τὸ σῶμά σου, Ἅγιε· σὺ γὰρ
ἐν σωφροσύνῃ, καὶ σεμνῇ πολιτείᾳ, μάκαρ
ἐπολιτεύσω, μὴ μολύννας τὴν σάρκα· διὸ ἐν
παρρησίᾳ Χριστοῦ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Apolytikion for the Saint, Mode 4

The Master who called you to eternal mansions on high * preserves incorrupt your body even after you died, * O holy Eudokimos; * for you had led a lifestyle of self-restraint and decorum, * never staining your flesh; and therefore truly you are blessed. * With confidence intercede with Christ to 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.

5th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

BRETHREN, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



Memorials & Trisagia

July 31

40-day Memorial for Maria Kafelanos, sister of George (Rena) Pelican

1-year Trisagion for Sophia Beka, sister of Despina (Christ) Zeris and Bill (Freida) Simos

August 7

4-year Memorial for Vasiliki Kolivaki, mother of Aleka Karagiannis and Irene Tsubanos

Please help Assumption Greek Orthodox Church contribute to the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in New York City. In the aftermath of September 11th, and the destruction of their parish by the collapse of the Twin Towers, St. Nicholas has been tasked with building an Orthodox Monument to what is arguably the greatest tragedy of our lives. A small community has been given the opportunity to show the entire world the resilience of the Orthodox Church in the face of tragedy. All parishes in the Archdiocese have been asked to join the parishioners of St. Nicholas in building what will be a worldwide landmark. All Greek Orthodox parishes have been asked to raise \$10,000 towards this historic church. Please make checks out to Assumption and write "St. Nicholas Shrine" in the memo line.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, July 31: Forefeast of the Precious Cross; St. Joseph of Arimathea
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
- Monday, Aug 1: Procession of the Cross
Dormition Fast Begins - Strict Fast
- Tuesday, Aug 2: Relics of Stephen the Protomartyr; Theodore of Dardanelles (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
6:30 Great Paraklesis
- Wednesday, Aug 3: Isaacius, Dalmatus, & Faustus; Salome the Myrrhbearer (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
6:30 am Small Paraklesis
- Thursday, Aug 4: Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
6:30 am Great Paraklesis
- Friday, Aug 5: Forefeast of the Transfiguration; Eusygnius the Martyr of Antioch (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
6:30 pm Great Paraklesis
- Saturday, Aug 6: **Holy Transfiguration** (Fish Allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Aug 7: Dometios of Persia & Disciples (Wine/Oil Allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting
6:30 pm Great Paraklesis

Said Abba Poimen: "For any discomfort that befalls you, victory will be won with silence."