

Lenten Food Item Sale: Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society is making two items for the first week of Lent: Lagana Bread (λαγάνα) Lagana (sometimes called Clean Monday Bread) is a traditional flatbread usually baked for Clean Monday, the first day of Great Lent before Easter. For those fasting most strictly, lagana is made without oil. (\$5.00), and Taramasalata: (ταραμοσαλάτα) In Greece, taramasalata is associated with Clean Monday (Καθαρά Δευτέρα), the first day of Great Lent. (\$4.00). To Place Your Order: Please Contact Georgia Antonopoulos at 314-638-2835. Orders MUST BE placed by March 6, 2016. Pick-up Date: Sunday, March 13 during coffee hour.

Clean Monday/Καθαρά Δευτέρα: New this year! Monday, March 14, 11:00 am Great Compline, 12:00 pm Lenten Luncheon.

Bishop Neofitos to visit the Assumption Church

His Grace, Bishop Neofitos of Nyeri and Mt. Kenya will be speaking on “Fasting, Prayer, and Mission,” Tuesday, March 29, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Great Compline will be served at 6:30, followed by his presentation and a reception. Presented in conjunction with Mission Team - St. Louis.

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.

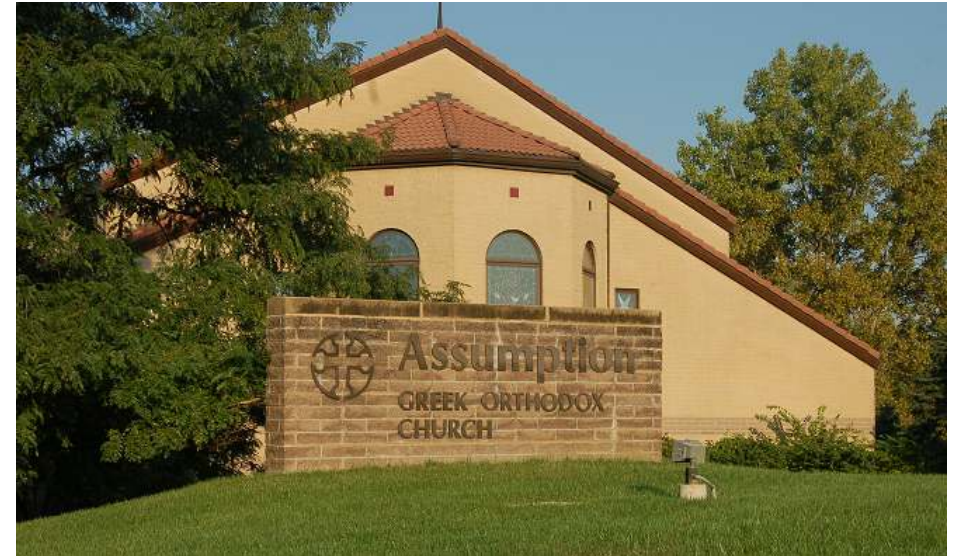
Prison Ministry Funds Drive: The Assumption Prison Ministry will be holding a Funds Drive during the month of February. Funds provide material support and encouragement to ex-offenders and their families as they transition from prison to becoming productive members of society as well as to help those who are still in prison. Cash or checks marked “Prison Ministry” may be given to Bill Goranitis or Diane Sieckmann.

March 11th - The Holy Martyr Pionius

A priest of Smyra, he suffered there in the time of Decius’s persecution. They condemned him to be crucified, which was a great joy to him. And as soon as the soldiers assembled the cross and laid it on the ground, Pionius laid himself on it and stretched out his arms, calling to the soldiers to put the nails into his hands. The cross was inserted into the ground upside down, and a fire lit under the martyr’s head. There were many bystanders. Pionius closed his eyes and prayed to God within himself. The flames could not succeed in igniting his hair, and when the fire had at last gone out and everyone thought that he was dead, Pionius opened his eyes and cried out joyfully: ‘O Lord, receive my spirit!’, and breathed his last. This saint wrote the life of St Polycarp of Smyrna, together with whom he now makes merry in the Kingdom of Christ. He suffered and was glorified in 250.

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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Hymn of the Church

In giving birth, you did retain your virginity;
and in dormition, you did not forsake the world,
O Theotokos. You were
translated unto life, being the Mother of Life;
and thus by virtue of your intercessions
you did redeem our souls from death.

Απολυτίκιον Τῆς Ἐκκλησίας

Ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν
τῇ
Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε.
Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ
ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις
ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη,

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.

Judgement Sunday

Epistle Reading: *First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46*

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Memorials & Trisagia

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, father of John Kapros, Stacey Grzeskowlaki, Demetra Weible, and Despina Roedersheimer

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 Andrew (Therese Marie) Georgen

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Mar 6:

Judgment Sunday / Meatfare Sunday

8:30 am Orthros

9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School & YAL Sunday School

12:00 pm Oratorical Festival

1:00 pm Young Couple's Apokreatiko

Monday, Mar 7:

7 Hieromartyrs of Cherson; Saint Laurence of Megara (Dairy Allowed)

Tuesday, Mar 8:

Bishop Theophylaktos of Nicomedia (Dairy Allowed)

8:30 am Orthros

5:45 pm Greek School

6:30 pm Vespers

7:15 pm Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

7:20 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, Mar 9:

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sevastia (Dairy Allowed)

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm Kafenio

Thursday, Mar 10:

St Kodratos & his Companions; St Anastasia of Alexandria (Dairy Allowed)

8:30 am Orthros

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study

6:30 pm Vespers

7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study

7:15 pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday, Mar 11:

Patriarch Sophronios of Jerusalem; St Theodora the Righteous (Dairy Allowed)

8:30 am Orthros

11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon

Saturday, Mar 12:

2nd Saturday of the Souls - The Holy Ascetics (Dairy Allowed)

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy and Memorial

5:00 pm Great Vespers

6:00 pm Daughters of Epiros Apokreatiko

Sunday, Mar 13:

Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday (Dairy Allowed)

Removal of the Relics of Nicephoros; Bishop Pouplios of Athens

8:30 am Orthros

9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting

6:00 pm Forgiveness Vespers