

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.

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the families of Vasilios Cosmopoulos, Vasiliki Kolivaki, and Constantinos Vithoukias.

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.



March 22 - The Hieromartyr Basil, Priest of Ancyra

Under the Emperor Constantius there was much suffering at the hands of the Arians. At that time, Basil became known as a staunch defender of Orthodoxy and a true shepherd of his flock in Ancyra. When, after Constantius, Julian the Apostate came to the throne and began to persecute the Christians, Basil openly denounced this new wickedness and encouraged his people in the Faith. For this he was thrown into prison. When the Emperor Julian came to Ancyra, Basil was brought before him and began to urge Basil to abandon the Christian faith, promising him honours and wealth. Then Basil answered him: 'I believe in my Christ, whom you have denied and who gave you this earthly kingdom, but He will shortly take this from you. How can you have no shame before the altar under which you were saved from death as an eight-year-old child when they sought to kill you? Therefore He will soon take this earthly kingdom from you, and your body shall not be buried when you have spewed forth your soul in bitter torments.' Julian was furious and ordered that seven strips of skin be torn from his body every day. And his torturers carried this out for seven days. When Basil was brought out again before the Emperor, he tore a strip of his own flesh off and threw it into Julian's face, shouting: 'Take this and eat it, Julian, if such food is sweet to you, but Christ is life for me!' This occurrence was noised in the town, and the Emperor left Ancyra in secret out of shame and went to Antioch. And they continued to torture Basil with red hot irons until he surrendered his soul to his Lord for whom he had suffered so much. This was in the year 363.

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 λυτρούμενη,

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 Orthodoxy

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Memorials & Trisagia

March 20

1-year Memorial for Constantinos Vithoukas, brother of Georgia (Gus) Antonopoulos
10-year Memorial for Vasilios Cosmopoulos, father of Michael (Deborah) Cosmopoulos
22-year Memorial for Vasiliki Kolivaki, grandmother of Aleka (Larry) Karagiannis

March 27

1-year Memorial for Kaliope Lontos, mother of Harriet Lontos and Mary (Gary) Charipar
4-year Memorial for Michael Lontos, father of Harriet Lontos 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 Grzeskowiak, Demetra Johnson, and Despina Roedersheimer
23-year Memorial for Konstandinos Karagiannis, father of Vasiliki Stratos, Tom, Harry, Spiro & Larry Karagiannis, and Maria Arvanitakis
24-year Memorial for Efthimia Karagiannis, mother of Vasiliki Stratos, Tom, Harry, Spiro & Larry Karagiannis, and Maria Arvanitakis

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 20: **Sunday of Orthodoxy** (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School & Procession, and YAL
5:00 pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers & Dinner at St. Nicholas
- Monday, Mar 21: St. James the Confessor; Patriarch Thomas of Constantinople (Strict Fast)
- Tuesday, Mar 22: St. Basil of Ancyra; Ss. Kalliniki & Vassilia (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
No Greek School
6:30 pm Great Compline
7:30 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Mar 23: St. Nikon & Companions; Ss. Anatolios & Protoleon (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
5:30 pm 9th Hour
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck
- Thursday, Mar 24: Forefeast of the Annunciation; St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow (Strict Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study
6:30 pm Great Vespers
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study
- Friday, Mar 25: **Annunciation** (Fish Allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
7:00 pm 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos & Coffee Hour
- Saturday, Mar 26: Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel; 26 Martyrs of Crimea (wine & oil)
12:00 pm Jr. GOYA Kite Flying
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Mar 27: **St. Gregory Palamas** (wine & oil)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy, Sunday School
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers at St. Michael's Church