

Prison Ministry Collection for Mothers and Daughters

For the purpose of maintaining and strengthening family ties, The Assumption Prison Ministry together with the Prison Ministry of St. Nicholas, is collecting donations to sponsor an overnight stay of 15 teenage girls in the Federal Prison Camp in Greenville, Illinois, where their mothers are incarcerated, but scheduled to soon be released. In the overnight Camp, the mothers and their daughters will participate in a seminar led by a professional counselor that will address important family issues. The donations will be used to pay for all the food, drinks, snacks, art supplies for workshops, and for a speaker's fee. The girls will also have a chaperon with each of them. The trip to the Prison Camp will be on June 16th. This is an important opportunity to give these families a better chance at success as a family. If you would like to help, please give your donation to Diane Siekmann or Bill Goranitis.

Announcements

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the families of Sam Nakis, Matina Stevens and George Stevens.

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.

Graduations: If a member of your family is graduating this year from middle school, high school, college, or a graduate school, please call the church office at 314-966-2255 so that we may compile a list of the names. We would like to acknowledge their hard work.

Prosfora: If you plan on offering Prosfora on Sunday, please let the office know how many loaves you will be bringing so that we can adjust the number of loaves that we request from the bakers.

Festival Volunteers Needed! Gather family and friends and volunteer for at least one four-hour shift during the Memorial Day Weekend Greek Festival, May 27 - 30th. Our festival needs everyone's help to be successful. Please contact Carol Marshall, Volunteer Coordinator, at (314) 471-5478 or emmarshall1963@yahoo.com. Do not wait until the last minute, but let Carol know now when you are free so that schedules can be made. Thank you for your help!

May 16th - The Blessed Maiden Musa

St. Gregory the Dialogist relates of her that she was a mere nine years old when the most holy Mother of God appeared to her on two occasions, surrounded by virgins bathed in light. When Musa expressed her desire to be included in the resplendent company of the Queen of heaven, the Mother of God told her that she would come for her and take her within a month, outlining for her how she should spend those thirty days. On the twenty-fifth day, Musa took to her bed and on the thirtieth day the most pure and holy Mother again appeared to her, calling to her in a quiet voice, to which Musa replied: 'Here I am waiting, my Lady! I'm ready!', and she breathed forth her spirit. She passed from this life to life eternal in the fifth century.

The Prologue from Ochrid: Lives of the Saints and Homilies for Every Day in the Year, vol. 2 by Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic. Translated by Mother Maria. Lazarica Press, Birmingham, 1985.

Sunday Bulletin

May 15, 2016

Χριστός Ανέστη!
Christ is Risen!



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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.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Κάθισμα Β΄. Ἦχος β΄.

Αἱ Μυροφόροι ὄρθρῳ γινόμεναι, καὶ τὸ μνήμα κενὸν θεασσάμεναι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις ἔλεγον· Τὴν φθορὰν καθεῖλεν ὁ κραταῖος, καὶ τοὺς ἐν Ἄδῃ ἤρπασε τῶν δεσμῶν· κηρύξατε παρρησίᾳ· ὅτι ἀνέστη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great *many of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Memorials & Trisagia

May 15

10-year Memorial for Fr. Gerasimos Annas
10-year Memorial for Savvas (Sam) Nakis, husband of Jean Nakis
2-year Memorial for Stamatina (Matina) Stevens, mother of David (Elaine) Stevens
29-year Memorial for George Stevens, brother of David (Elaine) Stevens

May 22

8-year Trisagion for (Dorothea) Tharenos, mother of Tony (Joyce) Tharenos and Nick (Becky) Tharenos
On May 22 there will be a 2 year memorial for Gus Maris and a 1 year memorial for Eftihia "Effie" Maris at All Saints Church Of North America , 2550 Schuetz Road, Maryland Heights MO 63043

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, May 15: | <u>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women</u> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School Graduation 12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting |
| Monday, May 16: | St. Theodore the Sanctified; Martyr Peter of Blachernae |
| Tuesday, May 17: | St. Andronikos & Junia the Martyr; St. Nectarius of Valaam 8:30 am Orthros 5:45 pm Greek School Graduation 6:30 Vespers 7:15 pm Bible Study |
| Wednesday, May 18: | Sts. Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, & Paul; St. Julian the Martyr (Fast Day) 8:30 am Orthros 2:00 pm Kafenio |
| Thursday, May 19: | Bishop Patrikios of Proussa; St. Memnon the Wonderworker 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Vespers 7:15 pm Parish Council Meeting |
| Friday, May 20: | St. Thallelaios & Companions; St. Mark the Hermit (Fast Day) 8:30 am Orthros 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon 6:30 pm Great Vespers at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church in Swansea, IL |
| Saturday, May 21: | <u>Sts. Constantine & Helen, Equal-to-the-Apostles</u> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, Swansea, IL 3:30 pm Jr. GOYA Festival help & Pool Party 5:00 pm Great Vespers |
| Sunday, May 22: | <u>Sunday of the Paralytic</u> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School 12:00 pm Sunday School Ice Cream Social |

Adorn yourself with truth, try to speak truth in all things; and do not support a lie, no matter who asks you. If you speak the truth and someone gets mad at you, don't be upset, but take comfort in the words of the Lord: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of truth, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 5:10).

St. Gennadius of Constantinople, The Golden Chain, 26, 29