

When you throw a nail into a fire, it gets hot and starts to glow like fire. In the same way you, when you listen to divine teachings and live accordingly, will become like God.

St. Symeon of Daibabe, *Sayings*, 26



Announcements

Many Years, Father! We apologize for the omission, but last Sunday, May 15th, was Fr. Joseph's namesday.

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.

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 councilor-led seminar to address important family issues. Donations will be used to pay for all food, drinks, snacks, art supplies for workshops, and a speaker's fee. The girls will each have a chaperon. 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.

May 25 - The Hieromartyr , Bishop of Cyprus

A monk and ascetic on the island of Cyprus, he was worthy of episcopal rank and, during a persecution of Christians, was found worthy of a yet higher crown: that of martyrdom. His body at first rested in a church in Cyprus, but, during the reign of the Emperor Nicephorus, in 806, the Hagarenes fell upon Cyprus. Therapon appeared to the verger, told him that the infidel was about to attack Cyprus and ordered him to have his relics transferred to Constantinople. The verger saw to this at once. When the ship with the casket put to sea, a great storm arose, but the sea around the ship remained calm and a sweet perfume spread from the casket around the whole ship and the surrounding area. Then the verger opened it, and they saw that it was full of myrrh, which flowed from the saint's relics. Many of the sick anointed themselves with this myrrh and were restored to health. A church was built in Constantinople over the relics of the wonderworking saint, which continued to give healing to all who gathered round them with faith. The gravest diseases were healed by St. Therapon's relics: paralysis, cancer, hemorrhage, insanity, blindness, tuberculosis and other maladies.

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 22, 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 Paralytic

Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ἁδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωροῦμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.



Memorials & Trisagia

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

June 5

40-day Memorial for Kassiani Mellos, mother of Spyridon (Georgia) Mellos

June 12

10-year Memorial for Vasili (Bill) Leon, husband of Judith Leon, father of Steven (Beverly) Leon,

Stephanie (Matthew) Streeter, and Michelle (John) Nicholas

48-year Memorial for Maria Leon, daughter of Bill and Judith Leon

46-year Memorial for Marigo Leon, mother of Bill (Judith) Leon

65-year Memorial for Stavros Leon, father of Bill Leon

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, May 22: **Sunday of the Paralytic**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School
12:00 pm Sunday School Ice Cream Social
- Monday, May 23: Bishop Michael of Synada; St. Mary the Myrrhbearer
- Tuesday, May 24: St. Symeon the Stylite; St. Vincent of Lerins
8:30 am Orthros
6:30 Vespers
7:15 Youth Night
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, May 25: **Mid-Pentecost** (Fast Day)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, May 26: Sts Carpos & Alphaeus of the 70; St. Alexandros of Thessaloniki
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, May 27: Hieromartyr Helladios; St. John the Russian of Evia (Fast Day)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 9:00 pm Greek Festival
- Saturday, May 28: Bishop Eutyches of Melitene; Bishop Nikitas of Chalcedon
11:00 am - 9:00 pm Greek Festival
4:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, May 29: **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am - 9:00 pm Greek Festival

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 cmarshall1963@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!