

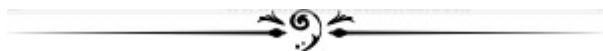
Prison Ministry Collection for Mothers and Daughters

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

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.



May 12th - St. Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople

He was the son of the head of the imperial senate, who was killed by the Emperor Constantine Pogonatus. This same wicked Emperor castrated the senator's son, this Germanus, and drove him by force into a monastery. As a monk, Germanus shone like a star by his life of good works. Because of this, he was chosen first as Bishop of Cyzicus and then, when Anastasius II became Emperor in 715, as Patriarch of Constantinople. As Patriarch, he baptized the infamous Copronymos who, at the time of his baptism, fouled the water with filth, and the Patriarch prophesied that, when he became Emperor, he would bring some foul heresy into the Church. And this came to pass. When Copronymos became Emperor, he restored the iconoclast heresy. Leo II the Isaurian, Copronymos' father, began the persecution of icons and, when Patriarch Germanus opposed him, the furious Leo cried: 'I am Emperor and Priest!', then deposed Germanus from his throne and sent him into exile to a monastery, where the saint spent ten further years until God called him to Himself in the Kingdom of Heaven, in 740.

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 8, 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.

St. Thomas and St. John the Theologian

Τοῦ Εὐαγγελιστοῦ. Ἦχος β΄. Mode 2.

Ἀπόστολε Χριστῶ τῷ Θεῷ ἠγαπημένε, ἐπιτάχνον, ῥῦσαι λαὸν ἀναπολόγητον· δέχεται σε προσπίπτοντα, ὁ ἐπιπεσόντα τῷ στήθει καταδεξάμενος, ὃν ἰκέτευε, Θεολόγε, καὶ ἐπίμονον νέφος ἐθνῶν διασκεδάσαι, αἰτούμενος ἡμῖν εἰρήνην, καὶ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Epistle Reading: St. John's First Universal Letter 1:1-7

THAT WHICH WAS from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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

Sunday, May 8:	<u>St. Thomas and St. John the Theologian</u> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School 12:00 Mother's Day Reception
Monday, May 9:	Isaiah the Prophet: St. Christopher the Martyr of Lycea
Tuesday, May 10:	St. Simon the Zealot & Apostle Laurence of Egypt 8:30 am Orthros 5:45 pm Greek School 6:00 pm Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy <u>at Sts. Cyril & Methody Church, Granite City, IL</u> 6:30 pm Great Vespers <u>at Assumption Church</u> 7:15 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, May 11:	Renewal of Constantinople; St. Mokios the Holy Martyr (Fast Day) 8:30 am Orthros 2:00 pm Kafenio
Thursday, May 12:	St. Epiphianos, Bishop of Cyprus; St. Germanos, Patriarch of Constantinople 8:30 am Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Friday, May 13:	St. Glykeria of Heraclia; St. Sergios the Confessor (Fast Day) 8:30 am Orthros 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
Saturday, May 14:	St. Isadore the Martyr of Chios; Hieromartyr Therapon 5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, May 15:	<u>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women</u> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School Graduation

Happy is the man in whom there is love for God, for he bears God within himself. The one in whom there is love is with God, above all things. Whoever has love in himself does not fear. He is never mad at anyone, nor does he exalt himself above anyone. He does not calumniate anyone, nor does he listen to the calumniator. He does not compete with anyone, is not jealous, does not rejoice in the fall of another, does not slander the fallen, but sympathizes with him and helps him. He does not disdain his brother who is fallen into need, but helps him and is ready to die for him. Whoever has love fulfills the will of God.

St. Ephraim the Syrian, Spiritual-Moral Letters