

Memorials & Trisagia

December 4

40-day Memorial for George Denos, brother of Maria (George) Kantis

December 11

6-month Memorial for Demetrios (Jim) Beys, husband of Eleftheria Beys, father of Vicki (Jim) Palmer, Dimitra Beys, and Sam (Gretchyn) Beys



St. Nicholas Shrine

Please help Assumption Greek Orthodox Church contribute to the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in New York City, the only place of worship destroyed in the attack on 9/11. The Shrine is being built as an Orthodox Monument to that tragic event, to attest to Orthodoxy as a major faith, and to speak about universal Hellenic values. All parishes have been asked to donate. Please make checks out to Assumption and write "St. Nicholas Shrine" in the memo line.



November 13: Our Father Among the Saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

This greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators was born in Antioch the Great in the year 344 or 347; his pious parents were called Secundus and Anthusa.

Upon his elevation to the priesthood his career as a public preacher began, and his exceptional oratorical gifts were made manifest through his many sermons and commentaries. They are distinguished by their eloquence and the remarkable ease with which rich imagery and scriptural allusions are multiplied; by their depth of insight into the meaning of Scripture and the workings of God's providence; and, not least of all, by their earnestness and moral force, which issue from the heart of a blameless and guileless man who lived first what he preached to others. Because of his fame, he was chosen to succeed Saint Nectarius as Patriarch of Constantinople. He was taken away by stealth, to avoid the opposition of the people, and consecrated Patriarch of Constantinople on February 28, 398, by Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who was to prove his mortal enemy.

Saint John was surnamed Chrysostom ("Golden-mouth") because of his eloquence. He made exhaustive commentaries on the divine Scriptures and was the author of more works than any other Church Father, leaving us complete commentaries on the Book of Genesis, the Gospels of Saints Matthew and John, the Acts, and all the Epistles of Saint Paul. His extant works are 1,447 sermons and 240 epistles. Twenty-two teachers of the Church have written homilies of praise in his honour. Besides his feasts today and on January 27, he is celebrated as one of the Three Hierarchs on January 30, together with Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory the Theologian.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἦ τοῦ στόματός σου καθάπερ πυρρὸς
ἐκλάμψασα χάρις, τὴν οἰκουμένην
ἐφώτισεν· ἀφιλαργυρίας τῷ κόσμῳ
θησαυροὺς ἐναπέθετο· τὸ ὕψος ἡμῶν
τῆς ταπεινοφροσύνης ὑπέδειξεν. Ἀλλὰ
σοῖς λόγοις παιδεύων, Πάτερ Ἰωάννη
Χρυσόστομε, πρέσβευε τῷ Λόγῳ Χριστῷ τῷ
Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for St. John Chrysostom

Mode Pl. 4.

The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls.

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.

Eighth Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



In Our Prayers: Ollie (Alexander) Aslan, Nora Bangert, Constantine Bellos, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Jean Kotakis, Michael Labis, George and Janice Paradissis, Elaine Scott, Chris & Despina Zeris.



Announcements

2016 Stewardship: Please make your 2016 Stewardship commitment by the end of December. Assumption currently has 354 pledged families; however, we need to have at least 400 by the end of this year. It is vital that all families make a stewardship donation and return it to the Church as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting Assumption Church.

New Year's Eve Planning Meeting: Any one interested in planning this special event is welcome and encouraged to attend: Thursday, November 17 from 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the Philoptochos Room.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Nov 13: **St. John Chrysostom**
Youth Sunday
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Fall Parish Assembly
- Monday, Nov 14: Apostle Philip; St. Gregory Palamas of Thessaloniki
- Tuesday, Nov 15: St. Gurias & Confessors of Edessa; Archbishop Thomas of Constantinople
Nativity Fast Begins (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 Vespers
7:15 pm JOY Youth Night
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Nov 16: **Apostle & Evangelist Matthew (Fast)**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Nov 17: St. Gregory the Wonderworker (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study
- Friday, Nov 18: St. Plato of Ancyra; Martyr Romanus (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Nov 19: Prophet Obadiah; St. Barlaam of Caesarea (Fish allowed)
12:00 pm Rhodian Christmas Luncheon
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm GOYA Lazer Tag
6:00 pm Adult Orthodox Christians (AOC) at Kanteres' Home
- Sunday, Nov 20: **Forefeast of the Entrance; Stewardship Sunday (Fish allowed)**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Jr. GOYA in Church Hall