

Announcements

Vasilopita: Lila Nicholas is taking vasilopita orders. The cost is \$14.00 per loaf and she must have your order by December 15. They will be available for pick-up on December 18. If you have any questions, please call Lila Nicholas or the Church office. Thank you.

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.

The Holy Monastery of the Annunciation of the Theotokos in Ormylia, Greece has a Philanthropic center called "Panagia Philanthopini - Our Lady who Loves Mankind," whose mission is to comfort and alleviate the suffering of the poor and working class public without preference to race, religion, gender, or creed. The Center is dedicated to spreading the message of God's love and saving grace through medical, educational, scientific research, charitable and spiritual services and ministries. The director of this center is Charles Anthony, a former parishioner of the Assumption Church. During the upcoming holy season, we will take a collection to help the children's programs at this center. If you would like to give a donation for this cause, please make a check payable to "The Assumption Church" and mark it for "the Ormylia Foundation" and mail or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your support.

November 20: The Forefast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos Into the Temple. Our Fathers Among the Saints Gregory of Decapolis and Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Saint Gregory, who was from Irenopolis of the Decapolis of Asia Minor, was the son of Sergius and Mary. He became a monk as a young man, and after struggling for many years in virtue and prayer under obedience to a wise spiritual father, he was informed by revelation that it was the will of God for him to live, like the Patriarch Abraham, with no certain dwelling, moving from place to place. His journeyings took him to Ephesus, Constantinople, Corinth, Rome, Sicily, Thessalonica, and again to Constantinople, where, after many labours in defence of Orthodoxy against Iconoclasm, he reposed in peace in the first half of the ninth century. He had two disciples, one of whom was Saint Joseph, the Hymnographer, who wrote the Menaion service for Saint Gregory, his father in Christ.

Saint Proclus lived during the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger. A disciple and scribe of Saint John Chrysostom, he was ordained Bishop of Cyzicus about the year 426, but because the people there unlawfully elected another bishop before his arrival, he remained in Constantinople. In 429, Nestorius, who had been Archbishop of Constantinople for about a year, and had already begun his blasphemous teaching that it is wrong to call the holy Virgin "Theotokos," invited Bishop Proclus to give a sermon on one of the feasts of our Lady, which he did, openly defending in Nestorius' presence the name "Theotokos," that is, "Mother of God." Saint Proclus was elevated to the throne of Archbishop of Constantinople in 434. It was he who persuaded Emperor Theodosius the Younger and his holy sister Pulcheria to have the most sacred relics of his godly teacher Saint John Chrysostom brought back from Comana, and triumphantly received them upon their return to the imperial city. He reposed in peace in 447.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Προεόρτιον. Ἦχος δ΄.

Χαρὰν προμνηστεύεται, σήμερον
Ἄννα ἡμῖν, τῆς λύπης ἀντίθετον, καρπὸν
βλαστήσασα, τὴν μόνην Ἀειπάρθενον·
ἦν περ διὴ καὶ προσάγει, τὰς εὐχὰς
ἐκπληροῦσα, σήμερον γηθομένη, τῷ Ναῶ
τοῦ Κυρίου, ὡς ὄντως ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ Λόγου,
καὶ Μητέρα ἀγνήν.

Apolytikion for the Forefast Mode 4.

Today righteous Anna solicits joy for us all, * the opposite of pain and sorrow, having brought forth her fruit, * the only evervirgin Maid; * and today in fulfillment of her prayer and her promise, * to the Temple of the Lord she joyfully leads her * who is truly the temple and pure * Mother of God the Word.

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.

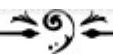
Ninth Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



In Our Prayers:

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

Memorials & Trisagia

November 20

Annual Memorial

December 4

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

40-Day Memorial for George Contis, father of Alexia Contis and Greg Contis

December 11

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

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Nov 20: **Forefeast of the Entrance; Stewardship Sunday** (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
11:15 Annual Memorial
12:00 pm Jr. GOYA in Church Hall
- Monday, Nov 21: **Entrance of the Theotokos** (Fish allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday, Nov 22: Philemon of the 70; St. Cecilia and Companions (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
No Greek School
6:30 Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Nov 23: St. Amphilochios, Bishop of Iconium; St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
10:00 am No festival baking
2:00 pm No Kafenio
6:30 pm Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Serbian Church
- Thursday, Nov 24: **Thanksgiving Day** (Church Office Closed)
St. Clement, Pope of Rome; St. Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (Fish allowed)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Nov 25: **Great Martyr Katherine** (Church Office Closed) (Fast)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
No Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Nov 26: St. Alypios of Adrianopolis, St. Stylianos of Paphlagonia (Fish allowed)
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Nov 27: St. James of Persia; St. Nathaniel & (Fish allowed)
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
No Greek School

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

- Psalm 100:4-5