

## 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 358 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 27: The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian

This saint was from the city of Bythlaba and was of noble birth; he was the closest and most honoured friend of Isdiger (or Yazdegerd) I, King of Persia (reigned 399 - 420). Though a Christian from his youth, James renounced Christ because he was allured by the King's friendship and flatteries. When his mother and his wife learned of this, they declared to him by letter that they would have nothing more to do with him, since he had preferred a glory that is temporal to the love of Christ. Wounded in soul by these words and coming to himself, the Saint wept over his error, and repudiated the worship of the idols. Therefore, becoming exceedingly wroth, the King - this was Bahram (or Varahran) V (reigned 421 - 438), Isdiger's son and successor - condemned him to a most bitter death, the likes of which not even a brute bear was ever condemned to: that is, his body was dismembered at every joint of his arms and legs. And so, when he had been cut asunder limb by limb to his very hips and shoulders, the courageous Martyr was finally beheaded, in the year 421.

#### **Kontakion. Second Tone Thou soughtest the heights**

O stout-hearted James,\* persuaded by thy noble wife,\* and fearing the dread\* tribunal, thou didst scorn all fear\* of the Persians with their profane decrees, and thou wast shown forth to be\* a most wonderous Martyr of Christ,\* when all of thy body was pruned like a vine.

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**Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου.**  
Ἦχος δ΄. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**Apolytikion for the Forefeast**  
Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You \* the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. \* Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, \* dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. \* O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, 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.

## Tenth Sunday of Luke

### ***Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10***

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### ***Gospel Reading: Luke 18:18-27***

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."



### **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**

#### **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

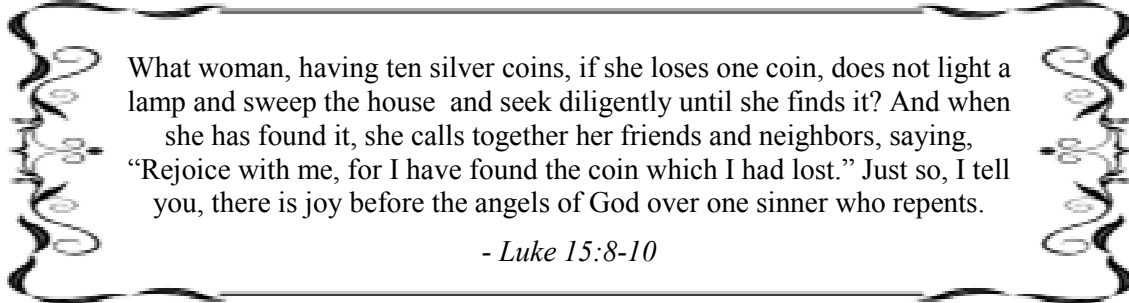
#### **December 18**

1-year Memorial for Angelo Palladino, son of Stella Palladino, brother of Kathy Palladino and Iakavos Palladino

17-year Memorial for George Palladino, husband of Stella Palladino, father of Kathy Palladino and Iakavos Palladino

## Calendar of Events

- 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
- Monday, Nov 28: St. Stephen the New: St. Irenarchos & Martyrs at Sebaste (Fish allowed)
- Tuesday, Nov 29: St. Paramonous & 370 Martyrs (Fish allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:15 pm JOY Youth Group  
7:20 pm Bible Study  
7:30 pm Festival Meeting
- Wednesday, Nov 30: **Apostle Andrew** (Wine and oil allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 1: Prophet Nahum; St. Philaret the Merciful of Amnia (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros
- Friday, Dec 2: **St. Porphyrios of Kafsokavvia** (Fast)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec 3: Prophet Zaphaniah; St. John, Bishop and Hesychast (Fish allowed)  
10:00 am Breakfast with Santa  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec 4: **Great Martyr Barbara** (Fish allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:30 pm Philoptochos Christmas Party



What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

- Luke 15:8-10