

## Memorials & Trisagia

### October 1

2-week

Memorial for Angeliki Karagiannis, mother of Aris Karagiannis, Nick (Rebecca) Karagiannis, and Gus (Amy) Karagiannis

### October 8

6-month

Memorial for Presvytera Theodora Azkoul, mother of Diane (Rick) Sieckmann

### October 22

40-day

Memorial for Nancy Koclanes, sister of Judy Bellos, Alexandra (Eugene) Goldsand, Kathleen (Ben) Schabelsky

### October 29

2-year

Memorial for Olga Despotis, mother of George (Vonna) Despotis

### November 5

1-year

Memorial for George T. Denos, brother of Maria (George) Kantis

25-year

Memorial for Peter Thomas Denos, brother of Maria (George) Kantis

25-year

Memorial for Photini (Fanny) Denos, mother of Maria (George) Kantis

27-year

Memorial for Thomas P. Denos, father of Maria (George) Kantis

45-year

Memorial for Vasiliki (Bessie) Denos Panourgias, sister of Maria (George) Kantis

65-year

Memorial for George Tsamingos, grandfather of Maria (George) Kantis

50-year

Memorial for Stavros Kolivakis, father of Aleka (Larry) Karagiannis and Irene (Chris) Tsoubanos

### December 17

1-year

Memorial for Alexander (Ollie) S. Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan

### In Our Prayers:

Nora (Elaine) Bangert, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Achilles Kirkou, Michael Labis, George and Janice (Ioanna) Paradissis, Elaine Scott, Despina Zeris.

### **October 1: The Holy Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos; Saint Romanos the Melodist**

The Feast of the Protection commemorates the appearance of the most holy Theotokos in the Church of Blacharnae in Constantinople in the early sixth century, as recorded in the life of Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ's sake. While the multitudes of the faithful were gathered in church, Epiphanius, the friend of Saint Andrew, through the Saint's prayers, beheld the Virgin Mary above the faithful and spreading out her veil over them, signifying her unceasing protection of all Christians. Because of this we keep a yearly feast of gratitude, imploring our Lady never to cease sheltering us in her mighty prayers.

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasios (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, On this day the Virgin . . . . In composing many of his kontakia, Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

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### **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ὁσίου.**

**Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.**

Ἐν σοὶ Πάτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ  
κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβὼν γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν,  
ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ καὶ πράττων  
ἐδίδασκες· ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκός,  
παρέρχεται γάρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς  
πράγματος ἀθανάτου. Διὸ καὶ μετὰ  
Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται, Ὅσιε Ρωμανέ, τὸ  
πνεῦμά σου.

### **Apolotikion For the Devout Man.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted  
what was made in the image of God; for  
taking up the cross, you followed Christ and  
by example taught, that we should overlook  
the flesh, since it passes away, and instead  
look after the soul, since it is immortal. And  
therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit  
rejoices with the angels.

### **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.

## Second Sunday of Luke

### **Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the

### October Retreat Registration:

Be sure to register for the Assumption October Retreat, "*Sanctity: The Great Goal of the Christian Life*" with V. Rev. Fr. James Corazza . Call the Church office at 314-966-2255 to RSVP. See the attached flyer for the full retreat schedule and more information

### Announcements

**Coffee Hour** today is sponsored in memory of Angeliki Karagiannis.

**Change in Schedule:** We will not be celebrating Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Saturday, October 28th due to extenuating circumstance.

**Please support Fr. Achilles Karathanos and the October OCMC Mission Team to Kenya:** Here are some ways to help: Make an online Donation to support the cost of the trip: Visit: [www.ocmc.org/about/open\\_teams.aspx](http://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx), find "Kenya Youth," and click "support" next to "Fr. Achilles Karathanos"; send a check to OCMC, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086 made out to "OCMC" with "Fr. Achilles Karathanos" in memo; write a check to "Sts. Constantine and Helen" with "Kenya Mission Trip" in memo and send to the Church by September 15th: Sts. Constantine & Helen, 405 Huntwood Rd, Swansea, IL 62226; donate the needed Great Horologion Liturgical book~ \$130.00 (see Fr. Achilles or call Church Office: 618-277-0330 ); donate an iPad or other Tablet with minimum 9.7" display~ (larger preferred) for E-Matins liturgical use at the Nyeri Cathedral, Kenya~ please speak to Fr. Achilles.

**Air Conditioner:** We purchased at badly needed new air conditioner for the Sunday School Hallway. The cost was \$39,200.00. Donations to help pay for it are greatly appreciated. Please send donation to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Sunday School air conditioner" in the memo. A \$5,000 matching fund has been offered to double donations up to that amount.

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Oct 1: Protection of the Theotokos; St. Romanos the Melodist  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School  
11:30 am National Church Musician Sunday
- Monday, Oct 2: Hieromartyr Kyprianos; Virgin Martyr Justine
- Tuesday, Oct 3: St. Dionysios Areopagite, First Bishop of Athens  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:15 pm JOY Youth Night  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Oct 4: St. Hierotheos of Athens; Martyr Domnina(Fast)  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Oct 5: Martyr Charitina; Righteous Methodia  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am Women's Book Study at the home of Presvytera Ranae Strzelecki  
5:30 pm Great Vespers at St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church  
7:00 pm Women's Evening Book Study at the home of Janice Hazeltine
- Friday, Oct 6: **Apostle Thomas** (Fast)  
9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy at St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church  
11:00 am 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon  
6:30 pm Great Vespers, Refreshments following in the Philoptochos Room  
8:00 pm Discussion for High School students & Young Adults, "Digging for Sanctity: Unearthing the Goal of the Christian Life"
- Saturday, Oct 7: Sts. Sergios & Bacchus; Deacon Kaesarios  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am Autumn Retreat at Assumption  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Oct 8: New Martyr Ignatios; Virgin Martyr Pelagia  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School



Nothing is more powerful and nothing stronger than gentleness. This ensures lasting peace in our soul.

- St. John Chrysostom