

Memorials & Trisagia

October 30

1-year Memorial for Olga Despotis, mother of George (Vonna) Despotis

November 6

1-year Memorial for Nicholas Kotakis, husband of Jean Kotakis, father of Penelope (Tyler) Burch and Paul (Laurie) Kotakis

6-month Memorial for John Surgant, Sr., father of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

3-year Memorial for Evangeline Surgant, mother of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

3-year Memorial for Adamantia Menas, aunt of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

21-year Memorial for Penelope Strousser, aunt of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

26-year Memorial for Theodore Menas, uncle of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

33-year Memorial for John Leras, uncle of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

41-years Memorial for Thomas (Trifon) Strousser, uncle of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

76-year Memorial for Aristotle Menas, grandfather of John (Carol) Surgant & Theodore (Carolyn) Surgant

19-year Memorial for Afrodite Tsevis Margaritis, mother of Kathy (Pete) Makos and Peter Tsevis

23-year Memorial for Eftihia Halastanis, sister of Kathy (Pete) Makos and Peter Tsevis

34-year Memorial for Constantine Tsevis, brother of Kathy (Pete) Makos and Peter Tsevis

63-year Memorial for Christos Tsevis, father of Kathy (Pete) Makos and Peter Tsevis

October 23: The Holy Apostle James the Brother of God, First Bishop of Jerusalem

According to some, this Saint was a son of Joseph the Betrothed, born of the wife that the latter had before he was betrothed to the Ever-virgin. Hence he was the brother of the Lord, Who was also thought to be the son of Joseph (Matt. 13:55). But some say that he was a nephew of Joseph, and the son of his brother Cleopas, who was also called Alphaeus, and Mary his wife, who was the first cousin of the Theotokos. But even according to this genealogy, he was still called according to the idiom of the scriptures, the Lord's brother because of their kinship.

This James is called the Less (Mark 15:40) by the Evangelists to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee, who was called the Great. He became the first bishop of Jerusalem, elevated to this episcopal rank by the Apostles, according to Eusebius (Eccl. Hist., Book II:23), and was called Obliah, that is, the Just, because of his great holiness and righteousness. Having ascended the crest of the Temple on the day of the Passover at the prompting of all, he bore testimony from there concerning his belief in Jesus, and he proclaimed with a great voice that Jesus sits at the right hand of the great power of God and shall come again upon the clouds of heaven. On hearing this testimony, many of those present cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David." But the Scribes and Pharisees cried, "So, even the just one hath been led astray." and at the command of Ananias the high priest, the apostle was cast down headlong from thence, then was stoned, and while he prayed for his slayers, his head was crushed by a wooden club wielded by a certain scribe. The first of the Catholic (General) Epistles written to the Jews in the Diaspora who believed in Christ was written by this James.

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Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἀποστόλου Ἦχος δ΄.

Ὡς τοῦ Κυρίου μαθητῆς, ἀνεδέξω
Δίκαιε τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον· ὡς Μάρτυς ἔχεις
τὸ ἀπαράτρεπτον· τὴν παρρησίαν ὡς
Ἀδελφόθεος, τὸ πρεσβεῦειν ὡς Ἱεράρχης.
Ἰκέτευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς
ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Apostle. Mode 4.

As a disciple of the Lord, you accepted the Gospel, O Iakovos the Just. As a Martyr you have unchangeability; as the Brother of the Lord you have confidence; and you can intercede as a hierarch. Intercede with Christ our God, 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.

Luke the Evangelist

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18

BRETHREN, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimos, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchos my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justos. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, "See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord." I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:16-21

The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Announcements

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.

2016 Stewardship: Please make your 2016 Stewardship commitment by the end of December. Assumption currently has 347 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.

Festival Baking: Every Wednesday the ladies will be preparing food for the festival. If you are interested in helping please call Amalia Karakasis at 314-495-0305.

Babysitting Needed: A couple with two young children need a babysitter for Friday evenings starting at 5:00 pm, and Saturday days. Please call the Church office if you are interested.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Oct 23: **Apostle Iakovos, Brother of the Lord**
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
5:00 pm IOCC Banquet
- Monday, Oct 24: Great Martyr Arethas; Martyr Sebastiane
- Tuesday, Oct 25: Sts. Marcianos & Martirios
8:30 am Orthros
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Oct 26: Great Martyr Demetrios (Fast)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Oct 27: St. Nestor of Thessaloniki; Patriarch Kyriakos of Constantinople
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, Oct 28: Holy Protection of the Theotokos (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Oct 29: St. Anastasia of Rome; Sts Avramios & Maria
6:00 pm Great Vespers in Vestry
- Sunday, Oct 30: St. Cleopas of the 70; Sts Zenobios & Zenobia
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
12:00 pm Oxi Day Luncheon



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.