

Memorials & Trisagia

September 25

1-year Memorial for Constance Stergion, mother of Andrea Walker, Greg Stergion, Nick Stergion, and Mark Stergion

October 16

6-month Memorial for Kristalo Gantari, sister of Elefteria Makridis, and aunt of Christina Mousadakos
Memorial for the Departed Members of the Brotherhood of Alexander

October 30

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

Announcements

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

Holy Communion Ushering Reminder: All those who are prepared and wish to receive Holy Communion should wait to be ushered from their rows by a member of the Parish Council. Your cooperation in this process is appreciated.

Women's Book Study: The Women's Book Study will begin its series of fall meetings on Thursday, September 15th. The morning group will meet weekly from 10:00 - 11:30 am at the home of Victoria Ambort. The evening group will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the home of Nin Seitz. We will be reading the Gospel of John using the Orthodox Study Bible and the Commentary by Blessed Theophylact. Books are available at Assumption. For more information, please contact Presvytera Laura Morton at 314-303-1784.

An Opportunity to Support your Church and Promote your Business: Assumption is looking for businesses or professionals who would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter. The advertising pays for the printing of the newsletter. Please contact Nick Derkacz a NDerkacz@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2436.

Thank you to of EK Design for the donation of the beautiful new flooring in the reception area by the Church offices. The floor looks amazing and we are very grateful for their beautiful work.

September 11: Our Righteous Mother Theodora of Alexandria

This saint lived in the fifth century. Out of remorse for the adultery that she committed with another man, she fled from her husband's house, renamed herself Theodore, clothed herself as a man, and pretending to be a eunuch, entered a monastery of men. Her identity as a woman was discovered only after her death.

Dismissal Hymn of Saint Theodora. Plagal of Fourth Tone

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Theodora, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

From: The Great Horologion or Book of Hours, Trans. Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Holy Transfiguration Monastery Press, Brookline, MA, 1997.

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Απολυτικόν Τοῦ Θεοδώρας τῆς ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ, Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐν σοί Μήτηρ ακριβῶς διεσώθη τό κατ'
εἰκόνα, λαβὼν γάρ τόν σταυρόν,
ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καί πράττων
ἐδίδασκες, υπεροράν μὲν σαρκός,
παρέρχεται γάρ ἐπιμελείσθαι δέ ψυχῆς,
πράγματος αθανάτου, διό καί μετὰ Ἀγγέλων
συναγάλλεται, οσία Θεοδώρα τό πνεῦμά
σου.

Apolytikion of Theodora of Alexandria, Plagal Fourth Tone

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Theodora, your soul 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.

12th Sunday of Matthew

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: John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Resurrection Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the Heavens rejoice; let earthly things be glad; for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, He hath trampled upon death by death. The first-born of the dead hath He become. From the belly of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted great mercy to the world.

Please help Assumption Greek Orthodox Church contribute to the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in New York City. In the aftermath of September 11th, and the destruction of their parish by the collapse of the Twin Towers, St. Nicholas has been tasked with building an Orthodox Monument to what is arguably the greatest tragedy of our lives. A small community has been given the opportunity to show the entire world the resilience of the Orthodox Church in the face of tragedy. All parishes in the Archdiocese have been asked to join the parishioners of St. Nicholas in building what will be a worldwide landmark. All Greek Orthodox parishes have been asked to raise \$10,000 towards this historic church. Please make checks out to Assumption and write "St. Nicholas Shrine" in the memo line.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 11: St. Theodora of Alexandria; St. Euphrosynos the Cook
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School Procession
12:00 pm Parish Picnic, Love Park
- Monday, Sept 12: St. Autonomos the Hieromartyr; CBishop Cournoutos of Iconium
- Tuesday, Sept 13: Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross
8:30 am Orthros
5:45 pm Greek School
6:30 Vespers
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 14: **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (Fast)
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 Divine Liturgy and Procession
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Sept 15: Great Martyr Nikitas; St. Philotheos the Righteous
8:30 am Orthros
9:00 am Divine Liturgy
10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study
7:30 pm Women's Evening Book Study
- Friday, Sept 16: Great Martyr Euphemia; Martyr Melitina (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Sept 17: Sts. Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Love
5:00 pm Great Vespers
6:00 pm GOYA
- Sunday, Sept 18: Bishop Eumenios of Gortyna, Martyr Ariadne
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School



"Let (others) be instructed by you, at least by your deeds. With their wrath you be mild, with their boastful speech you be humble-minded, with their abuse you offer prayers, with their deceit you be firm in faith, with their cruelty you be gentle, not eager to imitate them"