

## Memorials & Trisagia

### September 25

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

### October 16

40-day Memorial for Elizabeth Despina Tsaoussis, daughter of Maria Tsaoussis and sister of Flora (Charlton) Dimitriou

6-month Memorial for Kristalo Gantari, sister of Eleftheria 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, 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.

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**OCMC Mission Boxes:** This is the last chance to return your OCMC Mission collection boxes. Please return them with donations to the Church office this week.

### September 11: Our Righteous Father Eumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortynia

This saint took up the monastic life from his youth, and later became Bishop of Gortynia in Crete. He travelled to Rome, and to Thebes in Upper Egypt, where through his prayers he ended a drought; there also, after working many miracles, he reposed in deep old age. His holy relics were returned to Gortynia and buried at the place called Raxos.

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

Illumined with light\* from God on high, O blessed one,\* thou shinest on us,\* who lovingly acclaim with hymns\* thy most holy, glorious, and august repose, O Eumenius;\* for thou ever prayest for us,\* O Father, thou faithful Hierarchy of the Lord.

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

## **Sunday Bulletin**

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**Απολυτίκον Τοῦ Ὁσίου Ευμένιος, ἐπίσκοπος  
Γορτύνης Ἴηχος πλ. δ'**

Ὁρθοδοξίας Ὁδηγέ, εὐσεβίας διδάσκαλε καί  
σεμνότητος, τῆς οἰκουμένης ὁ φωστήρ,  
ἀρχιερέων θεόπνευστον ἐγκαλλώπισμα,  
Εὐμένιε σοφέ, ταῖς διδασκαίς σου πάντας  
ἐφώτισας, λύρα τοῦ Πνεύματος, πρέσβευε  
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**Apolytikion of Eumenius, Bishop Of Gortyna  
Plagal of the Fourth Tone**

You are a guide of Orthodoxy, a teacher of  
piety and modesty, a luminary of the world, the  
God inspired pride of monastics. O wise  
Eumenius, you have enlightened everyone by  
your teachings. You are the harp of the Spirit.  
Intercede to Christ our God for the salvation of  
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.

## Sunday after the Holy Cross

### ***Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20***

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### ***Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1***

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

### ***Resurrection Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone***

Τὸ φαῖδρον τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the Angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples of the Lord spake to the Apostles exultantly: Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, granting 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 18: Bishop Eumenios of Gortyna, Martyr Ariadne  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School
- Monday, Sept 19: Sts. Trophimos, Sabbatios, & Dorymedon
- Tuesday, Sept 20: St. Eustathios and family; Archbishop Eustathios of Thessalonica  
8:30 am Orthros  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 Vespers  
7:15 pm JOY Youth Night  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 21: Apodosis of the Elevation of the Cross; St. Quadratus the Apostle (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
2:00 pm Kafenio  
7:00 pm Matsakis Lecture at UMSL, Century Room A
- Thursday, Sept 22: St. Phocas, Bishop of Sinope; Phocas the Gardener  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
10:00 am Women's Morning Book Study  
7:30 pm Women's Evening Book Study
- Friday, Sept 23: Conception of St. John the Baptist; St. Xanthippe & Polyxene (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Sept 24: St. Thekla the Equal-to-the-Apostles; St. Silouan of Athos  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Sept 25: St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria; St. Paphnoutios & his 546 Companions  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
6:00 pm Great Vespers at St. John the Theologian Mission in  
Cape Girardeau, MO

The Lord has given the Holy Spirit upon the earth, and in whomsoever He dwells, that one feels paradise within himself. You might say: why hasn't this happened to me? Because you have not given yourself over to the will of God, but you live according to yourself. Look at the one who loves his own will. He never has peace in himself and is always displeased with something. But whoever has given himself over to God's will perfectly has pure prayer. His soul loves the Lord, and everything is acceptable and good to him.