

## 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.

**Greek School Registration now open:** Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6 at 5:45 pm. Tuition is \$120 for the whole year for one child or adult, and \$110 for a second child. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on Assumption's website at [www.assumptiongoc.org](http://www.assumptiongoc.org) under "Ministries."

**Hellenic-Link Midwest Scholarship Applications:** Applications are now available to college and university undergraduate students of Hellenic descent who have completed at least one year of college of university level work. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.helleniclinkmidwest.org/HLMW-scholarship.html>.

**Missing:** Fr. Joseph has misplaced a black robe. If anyone knows where it is, please call the office at 314-966-2255. Thank you!

### September 4: The Holy Prophets Moses, the Seer of God, and Aaron.

*The Prophet Moses* - whose name means "one who draws forth," or "is drawn from," that is, from the water - was the pinnacle of the lovers of wisdom, the supremely wise lawgiver, the most ancient historian of all. He was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Amram and Jochabed (Num. 26:59). He was born in Egypt in the seventeenth century before Christ. While yet a babe of three months, he was placed in a basket made of papyrus and covered with pitch, and cast into the streams of the Nile for fear of Pharaoh's decree to the mid-wives of the Hebrews, that all male children of the Hebrews be put to death. He was taken up from the river by Pharaoh's daughter, became her adopted son, and was reared and dwelt in the King's palace for forty years. Afterward, when he was some sixty years old, he fled to Madian, where, on Mount Horeb, he saw the vision of the burning bush. Thus he was ordained by God to lead Israel and bring it out of the land of Egypt. He led Israel through the Red Sea as it were dry land and governed the people for forty years. He wrought many signs and wonders, and wrote the first five books of the Old Testament, which are called the *Pentateuch*. When he reached the land of Moab, he ascended Mt. Mount Nabau, on the peak called Phasga, and there, by divine command, he reposed in the sixteenth century before Christ, having lived for some 120 years. The first two Odes of the Old Testament, "Let us sing to the Lord" and "Attend, O heaven, and I will speak," were written by him. Of these hymns, the first was chanted by the shore of the Red Sea as soon as the Israelites had crossed it; the second, in the land of Moab, a few days before his repose. *The Holy High Priest Aaron* was the elder brother of the Holy Prophet Moses. He was appointed by God to serve as the spokesman of Moses before the people, and also before Pharaoh, in Egypt. Afterwards, in the wilderness, he was called to the ministry of the high priesthood, as narrated in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers in the Old Testament. The name Aaron means "enlightened."

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#### **Απολυτικόν Τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρος Βαβύλα . Ἦχος δ΄**

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων  
διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν  
πρᾶξιν εὗρες Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας  
ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας  
ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις  
αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Βαβύλα· πρέσβευε  
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### **Apolytikion of Hieromartyr Babylas, Mode. 4**

Becoming a partner with the Apostles  
in way of life and successor to their thrones,  
O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you  
found an entrance to contemplation. Hence  
you rightly expounded the word of truth,  
and you shed your blood in struggling for the  
faith, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Intercede with Christ  
our God, beseeching that our souls be  
saved.

#### **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.

## 11th Sunday of Matthew

### ***Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12***

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

### ***Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35***

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

### ***Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone***

Ὅτε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

## 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

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Sept 4: St. Babylas the Hieromartyr; Moses the Prophet and Godseer  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
- Monday, Sept 5: **Labor Day - Office Closed**
- Tuesday, Sept 6: Miracle at Colassai; Martyr Caldote  
8:30 am Orthros  
5:45 pm Greek School Opening Assembly  
6:30 Vespers  
7:15 pm JOY Youth Night in the Parish Hall  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Sept 7: Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos; St. Sozon the Martyr (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
2:00 pm Kafenio  
6:00 pm Vespers at Nativity of the Virgin Church, Madison, IL
- Thursday, Sept 8: **Nativity of the Theotokos**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
6:30 Vespers  
7:15 pm Parish Council Meeting
- Friday, Sept 9: Sts. Joachim and Anna; St. Severianos of Sebaste (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Sept 10: Sts. Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora, and Poulcheria the Empress  
10:30 am Altar Boy and Choir Girl Retreat  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- 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**

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. All Greek Orthodox parishes in the Archdiocese have been asked to raise \$10,000 towards what will be a worldwide landmark. Please make checks out to Assumption and write "St. Nicholas Shrine" in the memo line.