

## **11th Sunday of Luke**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24***

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

### **Memorials & Trisagia**

#### **December 17**

- 40-day Memorial for Christos Exarhos, father of Freda (Bill) Simos, grandfather of Chris (Nicole) Simos and Greg (Megan) Simos
- 6-month Memorial for Evangelia Halastanis, mother of Panagiota Christakis, Vasiliki (Brian) Zapf, and Demetri (Brenda) Halastanis
- 1-year Memorial for Ollie (Alexander) S. Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan
- 2-year Memorial for Angelo (Evangelos) Palladino, son of Stella Palladino, brother of Kathy Palladino and James Palladino
- 18-year Memorial for George Palladino, husband of Stella Palladino, father of Kathy Palladino and James Palladino

#### **January 7**

- 1-year Memorial for Jean (Katherine) Kotakis, mother of Penny (Tyler) Burch

#### **January 21**

- 1-year Memorial for A. Glen (Gregor) Beck, father of Cathy (Tom) Reiss and Connie (James) Perch



#### **December 17**

- 40--day Prayer Service in memory of Bill Walker, the son-in-law of Maria Vamvas, following the distribution of andidoron.



### **In Our Prayers:**

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

## **Sunday Bulletin**

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### **Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Forefathers of Christ.**

#### **Τῶν Προπατόρων.**

**Ἦχος β΄.**

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας  
ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν  
προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν.  
Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, ὅτι ἐκ  
σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς  
εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς  
αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς  
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

#### **For the Forefathers.**

**Mode 2.**

By faith You justified the Forefathers,  
having through them betrothed to yourself  
the Church that came out of the nations. The  
saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious  
fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave  
birth to You, is from their progeny. At their  
entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

### **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.

Many Years to Fr. Daniel Morton who is celebrating his name day today. Χρόνια πολλά!

## Announcements

**PanHellenic Scholarships:** Applications are available online at <[www.panhellenicsf.org/apply/](http://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply/)> Scholarships for high academic achievement and those in financial need of Hellenic descent The deadline is Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

**CrossRoad 2018:** CrossRoad is a 10 day academic summer institute preparing high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition.. The deadline is Feb. 1, 2018. Applicants must be 16 to 18 years of age. Three sessions this year are: June 16-26, July 2-12 (both in Boston) and July 21-31 in Chicago, IL. Go to: <http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/>.

**2018 Heritage Greece Program:** The Heritage Greece Program is a gift from the National Hellenic Society (NHS) to enrolled college students ages 18-26 of Greek or Cypriot descent. The program runs from June 7-24, 2018. Application deadline is March 15th. For more information, please go to <<http://www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/apply-heritage-greece/>>.

### *Giving Opportunities for this Joyous Holiday Season*

**The Greek Orthodox Metropolis Mexico** is in need of \$5,000 or more for crucial ministries. Work needs to be done in completing the translations of the Divine Liturgy in Spanish and printing the bilingual text, along the printing of a bilingual Gospel Book in Spanish and Greek. The Metropolis of Mexico is a missionary Metropolis which consists of parishes in Central America, Venezuela and Colombia, and is currently experiencing significant growth in Guatemala and Haiti. The vast majority of it's parishioners are very poor. Because of this, the Metropolitan does not get a salary and the Metropolis must be supported primarily by donations outside of the Metropolis. Unfortunately, because of a lack funds, the Metropolis recently had its electricity turned of for about three weeks. If you would like to donate to this important cause, please send a check payable to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Orthodox Missions Mexico" written in the memo line.

**Ormylia Philanthropic Center:** "Panagia Philanthopini - Our Lady who Loves Mankind," is a philanthropic center in Greece whose mission is to comfort and alleviate the suffering of the poor and working class public without preference to race, religion, gender, or creed. It is dedicated to spreading the message of God's love and saving grace through medical, educational, scientific research, charitable and spiritual services and ministries. The director of this center is Charles Anthony, a former parishioner of the Assumption Church. During the upcoming holy season, we will take a collection to help the children's programs at this center. Please make donation checks payable to "The Assumption Church" and mark it for "the Ormylia Foundation" and mail or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

**Walmart Gift Cards Needed:** Fr. Joseph needs gift cards to Walmart to give to those in need for the holidays. Please bring cards to the church office or give them to Soula Marcou. Any denomination is greatly appreciated.

**Air Conditioner Update:** Thank you to everyone who has given so generously towards the new Sunday School Hallway air conditioner. We still need about \$19,212. Please send donation to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Sunday School air conditioner" in the memo.

**2017 Stewardship:** Please make your 2017 Stewardship commitment by the end of December. Assumption currently has 367 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.

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Dec 17: **The Holy Ancestors of Christ** (wine & oil allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School  
**12:00 pm Christmas Pageant and Social**  
12:00 pm Mission Team St. Louis & Ladies from St. John Chrysostomos  
Monastery will be selling items during coffee hour.
- Monday, Dec 18: Martyr Sebastian; St. Floros of Amissos (wine & oil allowed)
- Tuesday, Dec 19: Martyrs Boniface, Elias & Provos (wine & oil allowed)  
6:30 pm Vespers  
*No Greek School*  
*No Bible Study until January 9*
- Wednesday, Dec 20: God-bearer Ignatios (wine & oil allowed)  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Dec 21: Juliana & 630 Martyrs; Martyr Themistokles (wine & oil allowed)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
6:30 pm Vespers
- Friday, Dec 22: Great Martyr Anastasia; Sts. Chrysogonos & Theodota (wine & oil allowed)  
9:00 am Great Hours and Typica  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Dec 23: 10 Holy Martyrs of Crete (fast)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec 24: **Christmas Eve - Geneology of Christ** (wine & oil allowed)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy and Sunday School  
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Monday, Dec 25: **Christmas**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

**The Divine Liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** will be in the morning. On Christmas Eve there will be Great Vespers in the evening at 5:00 pm, not Divine Liturgy. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, you must attend one of the two morning Divine Liturgy services. Please let your family and friends know. Thank you.