

## Memorials & Trisagia

### January 21

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

4-year Memorial for Dorothy Beck, father of Cathy (Tom) Reiss and Connie (James) Perch

8-year Memorial for Steve Evangelopoulos, husband of Sofia Evangelopoulos, father of Van Evangelopoulos, Glikeria (George Liyeos) Evangelopoulos, and Stephanie (Nick) Vojicic

### January 28

3-year Memorial for Katherine Dubis, daughter of Chris and Tracy Dubis, sister of Nick Dubis, granddaughter of Magda and Tom Dubis and niece of Effie Dubis

### February 4

40-day Memorial for Despina Peppes, mother of Victoria (Sid) Ambort and Nicholas Peppes

### February 11

19-year Trisagion for Mary Labis, wife of Mike Labis

### February 18

1-year Memorial for Peter Ellis, husband of Paula Ellis

### March 4

1-year Memorial for Christophoros Dafnides, husband of Antigoni Dafnides, Father of Joanne (Elias) Matsakis and Tina (Greg) Riemer

## January 14 - Sabbas (Sava), Archbishop of Serbia

Saint Sabbas (Sava), the first Archbishop and teacher of the Serbs, and the most beloved of all the Saints of Serbia, was born in 1169, and was named Rastko by his parents. He was the son of Stephen Nemanja, the ruler of Serbia, who is better known as Saint Symeon the Myrrh-streamer (see Feb. 13). As a young man, Rastko fled secretly to the Holy Mountain, Athos, to the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon. When his father learned of his flight, he sent soldiers after him. Before they could seize him, he was tonsured a monk with the name of Sabbas, after Saint Sabbas the Sanctified (celebrated Dec. 5). Soon after, he entered the Monastery of Vatopedi, where his father joined him in 1197. Together they rebuilt the Monastery of Hilandar and made it a great spiritual center for their countrymen. In 1200 Saint Symeon reposed, and his body became a source of holy myrrh; in 1204 Saint Sabbas was compelled to return to Serbia with his father's relics, that he might restore peace between his two brothers, who were struggling over the rule of the kingdom. The grace of Saint Symeon's relics, and the mediations of Saint Sabbas, healed the division between his brethren. After persuading the Emperor in Constantinople and the Ecumenical Patriarch to grant autocephaly to the Serbian Church, the Saint against his will was ordained first Archbishop of his native land in 1219, where he labored diligently to establish the Orthodox Faith. In 1221 he crowned his brother Stephen first King of Serbia (the memory of Saint Stephen, First Crowned King of Serbia, is kept on September 24). In 1234, foreseeing by divine grace his coming departure to the Lord, he resigned the archiepiscopal throne, named his disciple Arsenius as his successor, and made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Mount Sinai; while returning through Bulgaria, he fell asleep in peace in 1236. Because he has been ever since the national hero of Serbia and an invincible bulwark strengthening the Orthodox Faith, the Moslem Turks burned his incorrupt relics in the year 1594.

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## Sunday Bulletin

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### This coming Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony the Great

with Orthros at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please join us.

### Απολυτίκιον Τοῦ Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε Ἦχος δ΄

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἠλίαν τοῖς τρόποις  
μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις  
ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε,  
τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν  
οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε  
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς  
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### Apolytikion for St. Anthony the Great Mode 4

Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot,  
and following the straight paths of John the Bap-  
tist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert,  
and you supported the Empire by your prayers.  
Therefore intercede with Christ our God to 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.

## Sunday After Epiphany

**Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



### Announcements.

**Return Holy Water Bottles and Calendar Icons:** Please remember to return your Holy Water Bottles and the icons from last year's calendar to the Church Office so that they can be re-used or disposed of properly.

**Women's Book Study:** Beginning Thursday, January 18th. Only the morning group will be meeting this session. The first two weeks will be held at Assumption following Divine Liturgy at 11:30 am, and beginning February 1st at the home of Victoria Ambort at the usual time of 10:00 am. They will be reading "The Lenten Spring" by Thomas Hopko. Contact Presvytera Laura Morton for more information 314-303-1784.

**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/>.

**Air Conditioner Update:** Thank you to everyone who has given so generously towards the new Sunday School Hallway air conditioner. We still need about \$15,000. Please send donation to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Sunday School air conditioner" in the memo.

**Spiritual Retreat Sponsors:** We are looking for individuals to sponsor the upcoming Spiritual Retreat scheduled for February 9-11th. If you would like to help bring this wonderful retreat to our parish, please speak to Farid or Anna Sadaka

## Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Jan 14: Holy Fathers slain in Sinai & Raitho  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting  
12:15 pm Greek School  
3:00 - 4:30 pm Jr. GOYA Ice Skating at Queenie Park
- Monday, Jan 15: St. Paul of Thebes; St. John the Hut-Dweller  
Tuesday, Jan 16: Veneration of Chains of Apostle Peter  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:15 pm Youth Night  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Jan 17: **St. Anthony the Great**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Jan 18: **Sts. Athanasios and Cyril**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Jan 19: St. Makarios of Egypt; St. Makarios of Alexandria  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Jan 20: **Righteous Euthymios the Great**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
6:00 pm GOYA
- Sunday, Jan 21: **Godparent Sunday**  
Confessor Maximos; Martyr Neophytos  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School



Thou, O Christ our Savior, hast become for me the path of life which leads to the Father. There is but one path, and it is my joy, and at the end of it is the heavenly kingdom.

- St. Ephraim the Syrian