

## 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 (Stergios) 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
- 40-day Memorial for Angelo Pelekanos, father of Theresa Gower
- 16-year Memorial for Antonia Pipina Pelekanos, mother of Theresa Gower

### 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

- 40-day Memorial for Avgerini Tsigogias, mother of Cristos Tsingogias, sister of Vasiliki (Nicholas) Trifonas, George Karagiannis, and the late Christoforos (Vasiliki) Karagiannis
- 1-year Memorial for Peter (Panagiotis) Ellis, husband of Paula Ellis

### February 25

- 1-year Memorial for Constantine (Dean) Bellos, son of Steve and Dessie Bellos, brother of Tom Bellos

### March 4

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

## January 21 - Maximus the Confessor

The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East (See also August 13).

## Sunday Bulletin

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### This coming Thursday, January 25th,

we celebrate the Feast of St. Gregory the Theologian  
with Orthros at 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. Please join us.

**Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Πάτερ Γρηγόριε**  
Ἦχος α΄

Ὁ ποιμενικὸς αὐλὸς τῆς θεολογίας σου,  
τὰς τῶν ῥητόρων ἐνίκησε σάλπιγγας· ὡς  
γὰρ τὰ βάθη τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐκζητήσαντι,  
καὶ τὰ κάλλη τοῦ φθέγματος προσετέθη  
σοι· Ἀλλὰ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, Πάτερ  
Γρηγόριε, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

**Apolytikion for St. Gregory the Theologian**  
Mode 1.

The shepherd's pipe of your theology  
overpowered the trumpets of the orators; for  
as you delved into the depths of the Spirit,  
so you were endowed with the power of  
eloquence. Father Gregory, intercede with  
Christ 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.

## **15th Sunday of Luke**

***Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15***

***Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10***

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

### **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.

**Assumption February Retreat:** Please help spread the word about Assumption's February Retreat featuring Fr. Theodore Dorrance and Eikona by sharing the Facebook page with your friends.

**AHEPA Scholarship:** The St Louis AHEPA Chapter 53 Scholarship Foundation will begin accepting requests for applications from February 15 - March 31, 2018. Please e mail [bdpappas@yahoo.com](mailto:bdpappas@yahoo.com) for an application. Note the due date as there are no exceptions.

**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 21: **Grandparent Sunday**  
Maximos the Confessor; Martyr Neophytos  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
**12:00 pm Philoptochos Luncheon**
- Monday, Jan 22: Apostle Timothy of the 70; St. Anastasios of Persia  
Tuesday, Jan 23: Hieromartyr Clement; Martyr Agathangelos  
5:45 pm Greek School  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, Jan 24: Righteous Xenia; Hieromartyr Babylas  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, Jan 25: **Sts. Gregory the Theologian**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, Jan 26: Righteous Xenophon, Mary, Arkadios & John  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, Jan 27: Transposition of Relics of St. John Chrysostom  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
**6:00 pm AOC (Adult Orthodox Christians) at the Zafiroopoulos home.**
- Sunday, Jan 28: **Triodion Begins - Publican & Pharisee**  
St. Ephraim the Syrian; Sts. Palladios & Iakovos  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School  
**12:00 pm Appreciation Luncheon**



“Even if we have thousands of acts of virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God’s mercy and His love for humanity. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved.”

- St. John Chrysostom