

Memorials & Trisagia

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

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 Memorial for Mary Labis, wife of Mike Labis

March 4

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

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.

Announcements

Women's Book Study: Beginning Thursday, January 18th. Only the morning group will be meeting this session at 10:30 am at the home of Victoria Ambort. 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/> 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.

Sunday Bulletin

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**Απολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος α΄.**

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ
τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ
γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει
σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ
Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίον τοῦ
λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς Χριστὲ ὁ
Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

**Apolytikion of the Feast.
Mode 1.**

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O
Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became
manifest, for the voice of the Father bore
witness to You, naming You the Beloved
Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove,
confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ
God, who appeared and illumined the world,
glory to You.

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.

Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist and Forerunner

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

January 7 - St. Cedd of Lastingham

St. Cedd, the eldest of four brothers, was born in 620 into a noble Northumbrian family at the beginning of the 7th century. With his siblings, Cynebil, Caelin & (St.) Chad, he entered the school at Lindisfarne Priory at an early age and learned the ways of the Irish monks under Bishop Aidan. They were eventually sent to Ireland for further study, and all four subsequently became priests.

Bishop Finan of Lindisfarne subsequently sent Cedd out to evangelize the people of Essex, who were sorely in need of spiritual guidance. He baptised many of the locals and built several churches. He is particularly noted for the foundation of monasteries at Bradwell-on-Sea and East Tilbury.

Having been consecrated Bishop of Essex by Bishop Finan, Cedd re-instated St. Paul's in London as the main seat of his diocese. He ordained priests and deacons to assist him in his work and gathered together a large flock of servants of Christ in his two monastic foundations.

Bishop Cedd always remained fond of his northern homeland and made regular visits there. On one such occasion in 658, Cedd was approached by King Aethelwald of Deira. Finding Cedd to be a good and wise man, he pressed upon him to accept a parcel of land at Lastingham in Yorkshire on which to build a monastery. Cedd eventually agreed, but would not lay the foundation stones until the place had first been cleansed through prayer and fasting. Cedd was the first Abbot of Lastingham and remained so while still administering to his flock in Essex.

In 664 Cedd was at Lastingham at a time that a great plague was raging through the area. Both he and his brother, Cynebil, fell sick and, after placing Lastingham in the charge of their youngest brother, Chad, they died. Cedd was first buried in the open air, and his funeral was attended by some thirty monks from Bradwell who, sadly, also contracted the plague and died. Eventually, a little stone church was built at Lastingham in honour the Virgin Mary, and Cedd's body was interred there, to the right of the altar. The latter remains intact in the Norman crypt that was later built on the site, though St. Cedd's bones were removed around the same time to the cathedral founded by his brother, Chad, at Lichfield.

- OrthodoxWiki

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan 7:	<u>St. John the Baptist</u> 8:30 am Orthros 9:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sunday School 11:30 am Cutting of the Vasilopita and installation of the Parish Council
Monday, Jan 8:	St. George the Chozebite; Righteous Domenica
Tuesday, Jan 9:	Martyr Polyuctos; Wonderworker Eustratios 5:45 pm Greek School 6:30 pm Vespers 7:20 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan 10:	St. Gregory of Nyssa; Bishop Dometianos 2:00 pm Kafenio
Thursday, Jan 11:	Righteous Theodosios the Abbot 9:00 pm Orthros 10:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Friday, Jan 12:	Martyr Tatiana; Martyr Mertios 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
Saturday, Jan 13:	Martyrs Hermylos and Stratonikos 10:00 am Little Angels 5:00 pm Great Vespers
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 3:00 - 4:30 pm Jr. GOYA Ice Skating at Queenie Park



You cannot be too gentle or too kind with others. Never allow yourself to appear harsh in your treatment of each other. Joy, radiant joy, streams from the face of the One who gives and kindles joy in the heart of him who receives. Share this joy with others.

- St Seraphim of Sarov