

Memorials & Trisagia

July 8

40-day Memorial for George Vagionakis, husband of Sue Vagionakis, and stepfather of Diane (Gus) Kapodistrias.

1-year Memorial for Litsa (Eleftheria) Beys, mother of Vicki (Jim) Palmer, Demi Beys, and Sam (Gretchyn) Beys.

7-year Trisagion for Gregory Marcus Pappas, husband of Patricia Pappas, father of Pete (Eleni) Pappas and Teresa (Tim) Willyard.

July 22

1-year Memorial for Marietta Potsos, mother of Maria (Dave) Wagner, George Potsos, and Nick Potsos.

July 29

40-day Memorial for Athanasios "Tom" Dubis, husband of Magda Dubis, father of Crist (Tracy) Dubis and Effie Dubis.

August 5

6-year Memorial for Vasiliki Kolivakis, mother of Aleka (Larry) Karagiannis and Irene (Chris) Tsoubanos

August 19

25-year Memorial for Stacy Rene Zavrados, daughter of Dimitrios Zavrados and Anna Zavrados, sister of Nikki Zavrados.

August 26

1-year Memorial for The Honorable Ellis Gregory, husband of Shirley Gregory, father of Carolyn (Jere) Reed.



Announcements

Coffee Hour sponsored today by the family of Eleftheria Beys.

Courtyard Pavers: We are creating a new courtyard in front of the Church. Engraved pavers are available to commemorate our families or memorialize our deceased loved ones. If you would like to donate toward this endeavor, please contact Tony Tharenos or Diane Sieckmann at 314-966-2255.

Consecration Album: If you had an advertisement in the Consecration Album, please pick up your copy of the book from Diane Sieckmann.

Air Conditioner: We purchased at badly needed new air conditioner for the Sunday School Hallway. The cost was \$39,200.00. We have had many generous donations but still have a balance of \$13,100.00. Donations to help pay for it are greatly appreciated. Please send donation to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church with "Sunday School air conditioner" in the memo.

Sunday Bulletin

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Ἀναστάσιμον Μεγαλομάρτυρος Προκοπίου

Ἦχος δ΄

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει
αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας,
ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν
σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ
δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς
ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikon for Great Martyr Prokopios.

Mode 4.

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily
awarded by You * the crown of incorruption,
in that he contested for You our immortal
God. * Since he possessed Your power, he
defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons'
powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ
God, at his fervent entreaties, 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.

Sixth Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

July 8 - Holy Great Martyr Procopius: Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Kazan

The holy Martyr Procopius was born of a pious father named Christopher, but his mother Theodosia was an idolater. After Christopher's death, she presented Neanias - for this was the Saint's name before - to Diocletian, who was at Antioch in Syria. Diocletian made him Duke of Alexandria, and sent him there to punish the Christians. On the way to Alexandria, our Lord spoke to Neanias as once He had to Saul, and turned this new persecutor to faith in Him. Neanias turned back to Scythopolis, and preached Christ. He was betrayed by his own mother, and was arrested and tormented in Caesarea of Palestine. While he was in prison, the Lord appeared to him again and gave him the new name of Procopius (which is derived from the Greek word meaning "progress, advancement"). He was brought out of prison and taken to worship the idols, but at his prayer, the idols fell; many then believed in Christ and suffered martyrdom, among them certain soldiers, twelve women of senatorial rank, and the Saint's own mother, Theodosia. Saint Procopius, after further torments and imprisonment, was beheaded about the year 290.

In Kazan, in 1579, the nine-year old Matrona, whose parents' home had burned down in a fire, had a dream in which she beheld an icon of the Theotokos and heard a voice commanding her to recover this icon from the ashes of the ruined house. The icon was found wrapped in an old piece of cloth under the stove, where it may have been hidden during the Tartar invasions. The icon was finally brought to the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, where it became renowned for the healings that the Mother of God wrought through it for the blind; hence the custom of praying before this holy icon for help in blindness and eye diseases. Tsar Ivan the Terrible had a convent built at the place of the icon's discovery; this, however, was destroyed by the Bolsheviks after the Revolution, and a factory was built in its stead. The feast was established in 1595. The icon of Kazan is one of the most beloved icons of the Mother of God in Russia.

Excerpted from: The Great Horologion or Book of Hours, Trans. Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Holy Transfiguration Monastery Press, Brookline, MA, 1997.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, July 8: Great Martyr Procopios; St. Theophilos Myrrh-Gusher
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
- Monday, July 9: Hieromartyr Pankratios; St. Dionysios the Orator
8:50 am - 12:30 pm Vacation Church Camp
- Tuesday, July 10: 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis; Gregory, Bishop of Assos
8:50 am - 12:30 pm Vacation Church Camp
6:30 pm Vespers
- Wednesday, July 11: Great Martyr Euphemia; Isapostle Olga - (Fast)
8:50 am - 12:30 pm Vacation Church Camp
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, July 12: Sts. Proklos & Hilarion; St. Veronica with hemorrhage
8:50 am - 12:30 pm Vacation Church Camp
- Friday, July 13: Synaxis Arch Gabriel; St. Stephen Savvaites - (Fast)
8:50 am - 12:30 pm Vacation Church Camp
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
6:00 pm Meet & Greet with Metropolitan Nathanael at the Family Life Center
- Saturday, July 14: Apostle Aquila of the 70; St. Nikodemos of Mt. Athos
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, July 15: Sts. Kerykos & Julietta; Isapostle Vladimir
8:30 am Orthros

In Our Prayers

Nora (Elaine) Bangert, Seraphima Henderson, Thekla (Rebecca) Kagaris, Dean Kases, Janie Kyramarios, Christopher Martin (Alexandra Martin's grandson), Janice (Ioanna) Paradissis, Despina Zeris.

Coffee Hour Cleanup:

Please be sure to clean up your table after Coffee Hour. There is no one else to do so.