

Memorials & Trisagia

July 2

9-day Memorial for Annetta Kagaris, mother of Demitri (Rebecca) Kagaris
6-month Memorial for Ollie (Alexander) Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan

July 9

40-day Memorial for His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos of blessed memory
40-day Memorial for Christos Zeris. Husband of Despina Zeris
6-year Trisagion for Gregory Pappas, husband of Patricia Pappas

July 16

40-day Memorial for Mihail Tzianos, husband of Ourania Tzianos, father of Dimitri (Tracey) Tzianos

July 30

1-year Memorial for Katherine Kapros, mother of Dessie (Sonny) Roedersheimer, Stacy Grzeskowiak, Demetra (Rick) Johnson, and John Kapros

August 13

5-year Memorial for Vasiliki Kolivaki, mother of Aleka (Larry) Karagiannis
50-year Memorial for Stavros Kolivakis, father of Aleka (Larry) Karagiannis

August 20

6-month Memorial for Constantine (Dean) S. Bellos, son of Steve & Dessie Bellos
6-month Memorial for Peter Ellis, husband of Paula Ellis, father of Adrienne (Menalaos) Karamichalis, Paul (Melissa) Ellis, and Christopher (Kellie) Ellis

December 17

1-year Memorial for Ollie S. Aslan, husband of Valasia Aslan, father of Jim (Jackie) Aslan and Andy (Nicki) Aslan

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Announcements

Please join us for coffee hour today to celebrate Fr. Joseph's 60th birthday. This is his actual birthday day.

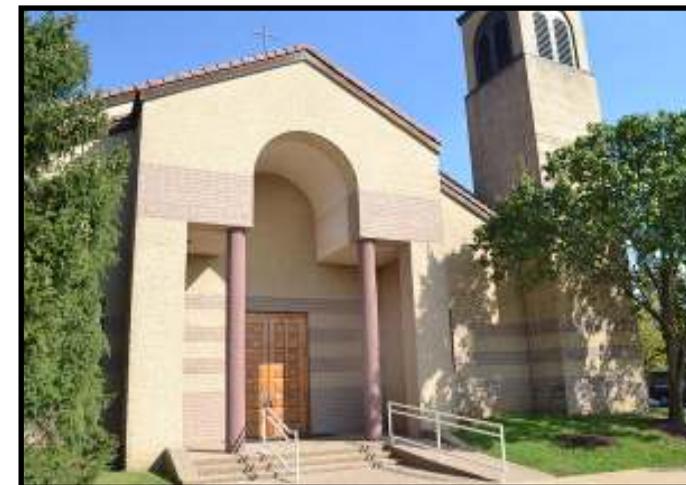
Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the family of Ollie Aslan.

Summer Book Study: This summer's book discussion/potluck luncheon/pool party will meet on Saturday, August 19th from 11 am - 2 pm at the home of Keve Gialouris. We will be reading *Bringing Jesus to the Desert* by Bradley Nassif. Please bring a dish to share. Copies of the book will be available in the Church office.

YAL Bible Study: Each Tuesday evening during the summer, beginning July 11, there will be a Young Adult Bible Study led by Fr. Anastasios. Meetings will take place at 7:15 pm after Vespers in the Parish Council Room. Please speak to Fr. Anastasios for more information.

Sunday Bulletin

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Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Θεοτόκου.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Θεοτόκε ἀειπάρθενε, τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἡ σκέπη,
Ἐσθῆτα καὶ Ζώνην τοῦ ἀχράντου σου σώματος,
κραταιὰν τῇ πόλει σου περιβολὴν ἐδώρησω, τῷ
ἀσπόρῳ τόκῳ σου ἄφθαρτα διαμείναντα· ἐπὶ σοὶ
γὰρ καὶ φύσις καινοτομεῖται καὶ χρόνος· διὸ
δυσωποῦμέν σε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ
δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Theotokos

Mode Pl. 4.

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind,
you have given to your City as a protective wall
the clothing and garment that you wore on your
immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth,
they have remained incorrupt. For in you both
nature and time are made novel. Therefore we
implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth,
and great mercy to our souls.

Welcome to all our visitors.

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.

4th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8: 5 - 13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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July 2: The Deposition of the Precious Raiment of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos in Vlacharnae

During the reign of Leo the Great (457-464), two patricians and brethren on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land lodged with an old widow, a Christian of Jewish descent. Seeing the many miracles wrought at a small shrine in her house, they pressed her until she revealed to them that she had the raiment of the most holy Theotokos kept in a small coffer. Our Lady had had two virgins in her lifetime who attended upon her; before her holy Dormition, she gave each of them one of her divine garments as a blessing. This old widow was of the family of one of those two virgins, and it had come through generations into her hands. With the permission of God, that this holy relic might be had for the profit of many, the two men brought the garment by stealth and brought it to Blacharnae near Constantinople, and building a church in honour of the Apostles Peter and Mark, they secretly enshrined the garment therein. But here again, because of the multitude of miracles that were worked, it became known to the Emperor Leo, and a magnificent church was built, as some say, by that same Leo, but according to others, by his predecessors Marcian and Pulcheria, and enlarged by Leo when the holy raiment was found. The Emperor Justin the Younger completed the church, which the Emperor Romanus IV Diogenes raised up immediately again after it had burned in 1070. It burned again in 1434, and from that time it remained a small house of prayer together with the renowned holy spring. After the seventh century, the name Blacharnae was given to other churches and monasteries by their pious founders out of reverence for this famous church in Constantinople.

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 2: Placing of the Robe of the Theotokos at Vlacharnae
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
- Monday, July 3: Martyr Hyakinthos; Patriarch Anatolios
- Tuesday, July 4: **Independence Day** (Church Office Closed)
Bishop Andrew of Crete; Martyr Kyprilla
8:00 am Orthros
- Wednesday, July 5: St. Athanasios of Mt. Athos; Righteous Lampados (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, July 6: St. Sisoës the Great; Virgin Martyr Loukia
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, July 7: Great Martyr Kyriaki; St. Thomas of Mt. Maleon (Fast)
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, July 8: Great Martyr Procopios; St. Theophilos the Myrrh-Gusher
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, July 9: Hieromartyr Pankratios; St. Dionysios the Orator
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy



"If you see the fury and hear the howling of the tempest, or read of shipwrecks, think of the storm of human passions causing daily groans and disturbance in the hearts of men, wrecking the spiritual ship of the soul or the ship of human society; and pray fervently to the Lord that He may subdue the tempest of sins, as He once subdued the tempest at sea by His word, and that He may root our passions from our hearts, and re-establish in them unceasing tranquility."

—*St. John of Kronstadt*