

Memorials & Trisagia

July 23

40-day Memorial for Elpiniki Xbaze, sister of Eleni Hassos

July 30

40-day Memorial for Labib Rabie, son of Wedad Khamis, brother of Samia Rabie
1-year Memorial for Katherine Kapros, mother of Dessie (Sonny) Roedersheimer, Stacy Grzeskowiak, Demetra (Rick) Johnson, and John Kapros

August 13

40-day Memorial for Evangelia Halastanis, mother of Panagiota Christakis, Vasiliki (Brian) Zapf, and Demetri (Brenda) Halastanis
4-year Memorial for Elizabeth (Betty) J. Harris, mother of Gus Harris
28-year Memorial for Nicholas Harris, father of Gus Harris
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 Panagiotis (Peter) Ellis, husband of Paula Ellis, father of Adrienne (Menalaos) Karamichalis, Paul (Melissa) Ellis, and Christopher (Kellie) Ellis

September 10

1-year Memorial for Elizabeth (Liz) Tsaoussis, daughter of Maria Tsaoussis, sister of Flora (Charlton) Dimitriou

December 17

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

Announcements

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Eleni Hassos in memory of her sister, Elpini Xbaze.

The Panegyri Feast Day Luncheon will take place on Sunday, August 20th. Dessie Bellos is taking a collection to help with expenses. Please see Dessie at coffee hour after Divine Liturgy or send checks to Assumption Church with "Panegyri" written in the memo line.

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 read *Bringing Jesus to the Desert* by Bradley Nassif before the meeting in preparation for discussion. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck. Copies of the book are available in the Church office. Please call Presvytera Laura at (314) 303-1784 for more information.

Mission Team-St. Louis is looking for new members. If you would like to join their efforts, please speak with Fr. Joseph.

IOCC Committee of St. Louis is looking for new members. Please speak to Jan Kanteres if you are interested.

Sunday Bulletin

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Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρος. Ἦχος δ΄

Καὶ τρόπων μέτοχος, καὶ θρόνων
διάδοχος, τῶν Ἀποστόλων γενόμενος, τὴν
πράξιν εὐρεῖς Θεόπνευστε, εἰς θεωρίας
ἐπίβασιν· διὰ τοῦτο τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας
ὀρθοτομῶν, καὶ τῇ πίστει ἐνήθλησας μέχρις
αἵματος, Ἱερομάρτυς Φωκᾶ, πρέσβευε
Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion. For Hieromartyr Phokas Mode 4.

Becoming a partner with the Apostles
in way of life and successor to their thrones,
O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you
found an entrance to contemplation. Hence
you rightly expounded the word of truth,
and you shed your blood in struggling for the
faith, O Hieromartyr Phocas. Intercede with
Christ our God, beseeching Him to save 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.

7th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

July 23: The Holy Prophet Ezekiel

The Prophet Ezekiel ("God is strong") was the son of Buzi and a priest by rank. He was taken captive and brought to Babylon during the reign of Jechonias. In the fifth century of his year of this captivity, about 594 or 593 B.C., he began to prophesy. Having prophesied for about twenty-eight years, he was murdered, it is said, by the tribe of Gad, because he reproached them for their idolatry. His book of prophesy, divided into forty-eight chapters, is ranked third among the greater Prophets. It is richly filled with mystical imagery and marvelous prophetic visions and allegories, of which the dread Chariot of Cherubim described in the first Chapter is the most famous; in the "gate that was shut," through which the Lord alone entered, he darkly foretold of the Word's Incarnation from the Virgin (44: 1-3); through the "dry bones" that came to life again (37: 1-14), he prophesied both of the restoration of captive Israel, and the general resurrection of our race.

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



In Our Prayers:

Nora (Elaine) Bangert, Tom Dubis, Seraphima Henderson, Achilles Kirkou, Michael Labis, George and Janice (Ioanna) Paradissis, Elaine Scott, Despina Zeris.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, July 23: Hieromartyr Phokas
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
12:30 pm Young Adult League (YAL- College Students) Barbeque at the Dimitriou home
- Monday, July 24: Great Martyr Christina
- Tuesday, July 25: **Dormition of St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
6:30 pm Vespers
7:15 pm Young Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday, July 26: **Righteous Paraskeve; Hieromartyr Hermolaos**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, July 27: **Great Martyr Panteleimon**
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Friday, July 28: Prochorus & Nicanor; Irene Chrysovalantou
8:30 am Orthros
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, July 29: Martyrs Kallinikos, Theodota & children
5:00 pm Great Vespers
- Sunday, July 30: Apostles Silas & Sylvanus
8:30 am Orthros
9:45 am Divine Liturgy

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"No amount of thought will ever result in any greater formulation than the three words, 'Love one another,' so long as it is love to the end and without exceptions."

- St. Maria Skobtsova of Paris