

## Memorials & Trisagia

### June 24

Trisagion for the Reposed Hierarchs of the Russian Church Abroad

### July 1

40-day

Memorial for Achilles Kirkou, husband of Eugenia Kirkou, father of Mary Kirkou, George (Amy) Kirkou, Nick (Kati) Kirkou, stepfather of James (Sarah) Catalano, Angela (Art) Balducci, John Catalano, and Tony Catalano.

40-day

Memorial for Elaine (Eleni) Scott, wife of Jim Scott, mother of James (Leslie) Scott, Chris (Christy) Scott, and Nick (Karen) Scott

1-year

Memorial for Evangelia Halastanis, mother of Panagiota Christakis, Vasiliki (Brian) Zapf, and Demetri (Brenda) Halastanis

### 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

### August 5

6-year

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



## Announcements

**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.



## In Our Prayers

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

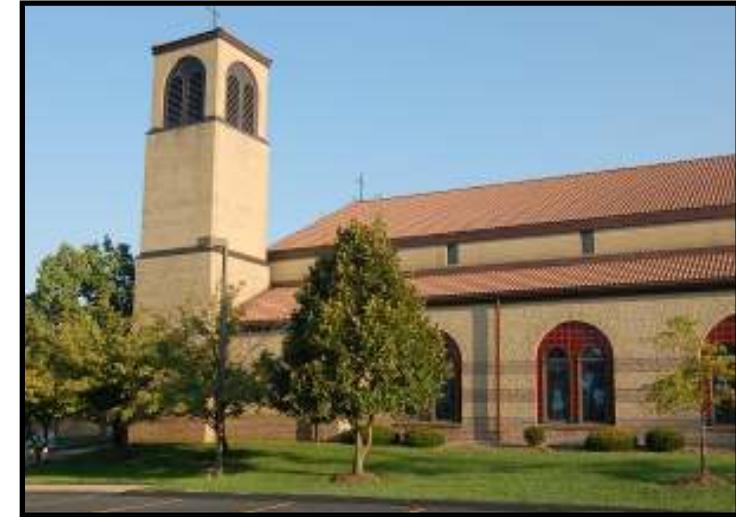


## Coffee Hour Cleanup:

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

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### **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Προδρόμου.**

Ἦχος δ΄.

Προφήτα καὶ Πρόδρομε, τῆς παρουσίας  
Χριστοῦ, ἀξίως εὐφημήσαι σε οὐκ  
εὐποροῦμεν ἡμεῖς, οἱ πόθῳ τιμῶντές  
σε· στεῖρωσις γὰρ τεκούσης, καὶ πατὴρ  
ἄφωνία, λέλυνται τῇ ἐνδόξῳ, καὶ σεπτῇ  
σου γεννήσει, καὶ σάρκωσις Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ,  
κόσμῳ κηρύττεται.

### **Apolytikion for the Forerunner**

**Mode 4**

O Prophet and Forerunner of the appearance of Christ, \* with longing we honor you, although we have not the means \* of extolling you worthily. \* Your birth, which was exalted \* and most glorious, ended \* the barrenness of your mother and the muteness of your father; \* and unto the world it announced \* the Incarnation of God the Word.

## **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.

### **Third Sunday of Matthew**

***Epistle Reading: Romans 13:11-14;14:1-4***

***Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80***

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilos, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zacharias after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

### **Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, June 24: **Nativity of St. John the Baptist-** (Fast)  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
12:00 pm Philoptochos Meeting
- Monday, June 25: Righteous Fevronia, Orentios & 6 Brothers - (Fast)
- Tuesday, June 26: St. David of Thessalonika; Righteous Anthion - (Fast)  
6:30 pm Vespers  
7:20 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday, June 27: Sampson the innkeeper; St. Joanna the Myrrh-Bearer - (Fast)  
2:00 pm Kafenio
- Thursday, June 28: Transposition of the Relics of Sts. Kyros & John - (Fast)
- Friday, June 29: **Apostles Peter & Paul -** (Fast)  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Friday Luncheon
- Saturday, June 30: **Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles**  
9:00 am Orthros  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm Great Vespers  
6:00 YAL (Young Adult League) Game Night
- Sunday, July 1: **Unmercenaries Kosmas & Damianos**  
8:30 am Orthros  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy

### **June 24 - Elizabeth, Mother of the Forerunner**

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1: 7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name. Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation. Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yah is gracious."